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Constitution Flat River Association

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in the respective letters.

Article 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Article 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each meeting and hold their office until a new election. The election of officers shall be at the first session of the Association.

Article 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Article 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

Article 6. The Treasurer shall receive funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

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By-Laws

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

10. Any member of a church of this Association may be elected as Moderator, Clerk, or Treasurer whether delegate or not.

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PASTORS

R. E. Atkins
M. L. Banister
Paul Childress
Joe B. Currin
E. R. Harris
C. F. Hudson
L. R. Jordon
C. H. Norris
W. D. Poe
Lee Pridgen
L. J. Rainey
M. M. Turner
C. A. Upchurch
E. G. Usry
J. M. Walker

MESSENGERS 1941 SESSION

Amis Chapel—W. E. Cannady.
Bethany—D. M. Cash, Mrs. Alpha Day, Mrs. Hulon Lunsford.
Bullock—G. W. Royster, Mrs. T. A. Royster, W. L. Walker.
Concord—
Corinth—G. R. Land, Mrs. R. J. Currin, Mrs. Lindsay Usry.
Creedmoor—Mrs. W. K. Wood, Mrs. C. J. Mangum, Taylor Williams.
Dexter—E. B. Greene, Mrs. N. V. Barker, Mrs. E. B. Greene.
Enon—Mrs. J. W. Cash, Sam L. Knott, C. L. Jones.
Fellowship—J. H. Perry, Alvace Whitaker, J. Y. Whitaker.
Florence Ave.—S. M. Torian, Mrs. E. R. Harris, Mrs. R. E. Chandler.
Grassy Creek—J. H. Moore.
Hester—B. W. Pruitt, Mrs. R. C. Watkins, N. F. Hobgood.
Island Creek—J. E. Jones, Mac Woody, S. E. Wilson.
Knapp of Reeds—C. S. Frazier.
Knott's Grove—Fielding Knott, Mrs. Fielding Knott, J. W. Dean.
Mountain Creek—R. J. Elliott, R. T. Blackwell.
Mount Harmony—T. K. Jones, Mrs. L. J. Rainey.
Mount Zion—J. S. Rudder, Garland Parham, Mrs. G. B. Daniel.
Olive Branch—Fenton Clark.
Olive Grove—R. C. Perry, P. S. Horton.
Oxford—W. H. Upchurch, Mrs. S. M. Cutts.
Peace's Chapel—Lee Gresham, G. L. Tilley, Mrs. Robert Hight.
Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Macey Newton, A. W. Daniel.
Poplar Creek—Marion Boyd, Mrs. I. D. Hart.
Providence—Tom Gresham, Miss Lila Piper, S. H. Brinkley.
Rock Grove—Mrs. Annie Averette.
Rock Spring—Mrs. George Harris.
Sharon—N. M. Humphries, L. T. McFarland, R. S. Greenway.
Stovall—Robert Noblin, E. M. Hart, Mrs. W. C. Frazier.
Tabb's Creek—H. W. Currin, Mrs. C. J. Critcher, W. M. Brummitt.
Tally-Ho—Roosevelt Wilkins, G. W. Stem, Mrs. Oliver Hedgepeth.
West Oxford—W. D. Pendleton, J. C. Mangum.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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FIRST DAY

The One Hundred and Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convenes with Providence Church October 7, 10:00 A. M.

Song—"Throw Out the Life Line."

Scripture Reading by Rev. W. D. Poe, Moderator of the past session.

Prayer by Mr. W. H. Upchurch.

Roll Call of Pastors and Messengers.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. M. L. Banister, Chairman of the Executive Committee is called to the chair and on motion Rev. W. D. Poe is elected Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk and Mr. J. N. Watkins, Treasurer. The Clerk, Rev. M. L. Banister and Mr. W. H. Upchurch casting the vote of the Association respectively.

Motion made and carried that the suggested program be adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This report is read by Rev. C. A. Upchurch, is discussed by him and Mr. John Arch MacMillan, then adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

When our Baptist fathers, a little over one hundred years ago, definitely determined to mobilize our forces and go forward according to our Master's plan, they took four great, heroic, forward-looking steps.

1. Organized a State Convention; for work.
2. Founded a college at Wake Forest; for training leaders.
3. Launched a great State Mission Movement; for evangelizing our people.
4. Started publication of a newspaper; The Biblical Recorder, for scattering information.

Baptists have ever been handicapped by lack of information among the masses of our people. We have gone forward when our people understood what are our objectives and why we lay and prosecute our plans.

Today as perhaps never before Baptists are rich in literature—Our Sunday School and B. T. U. publications lead the field in quality and variety. The Commission and our other missionary literature are readable, reliable, sound and adequate for our needs.

Charity and Children, our splendid Orphanage weekly is a ringing voice from the heart of North Carolina Baptists. It is sound and strong and has a good subscription list which could be doubled if every Sunday School would get a good club for distribution each Sunday.

The Biblical Recorder has, through the years, been a voice for every Baptist principle and a servant of every Baptist cause at home and abroad.

The Recorder today needs friends, not critics. Too few of our people read our church paper. Consequently our people do not know. Where there is no knowledge there is no vision. "When there is no vision the people perish."

This report does not advocate cutting down the *size* of the paper, nor reducing the *price*. It is probably too small and too cheap now. We do not advocate a highbrow editorial note. Ours is a plain people. Only about 10% are "front seat" folks. Most of us live in the "forks of the creek" and have only a common school education.

Let us pray God to lead our Recorder Directors in their difficult work; to point us to an editor who will popularize the Recorder; and to lay it on all our hearts to subscribe for and read the Recorder. We cannot have a great religious literature unless we plan for it and pray for it and pay for it.

C. A. UPCHURCH

ORPHANAGE

This report is read by Rev. J. M. Walker and is discussed by Mr. John Arch McMillan, then adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

"We recommend that this Association name an Orphanage representative who will see that a representative is named in every Sunday School to keep this worthy need before the people once a month and at Thanksgiving."

We reported last year 32 Churches and a membership of 8,598 to the Association. Realizing that a large part of this membership is probably inactive we still could do a great part in caring for the homeless if an offering was made by each active member once each month. Now let us suppose that 598 of these members will not do anything in God's work for some cause. Then we find that last year we gave $2,086.64 or approximately $2,000 to 8,000 Members. This would be 25c per member or less per year. Now that is the price of a plate lunch in a cheap Cafe. I am sure that there is not a man among us who would not give a meal to a homeless boy or girl

once a month. Yet this would be twelve times what we have been doing. Is it that it is because we grow cold because we cannot see where our money goes? This means that in round numbers our thirty-two Churches support the work in the Orphanage for four days out of 365. We are glad that all but one Church gave last year or reported. Now I do not have this years' figures accurately yet. But may I suggest something? If every member reported, gave the price of one meal a month next year to our Orphanage it would amount to the sum of $25,794. At present it is only two thousand and eighty-six dollars and sixty-four cents, ($2,086.64).

In most cases it means that just a few do the bulk, the others need it brought to their attention.

J. M. WALKER

GENERAL MATTERS

The Moderator recognizes Rev. Ernest Averette Severn, also two new pastors, Rev. M. M. Turner and Rev. Paul Childress.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Rev. E. G. Usry, Mr. G. W. Royster, Mr. S. E. Wilson.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Rev. L. G. Rainey, Mr. W. M. Brummitt, Mr. J. H. Perry.

Announcement by Rev. J. M. Walker, host to the Association.

Motion made and carried to adjourn following sermon. Remarks by Rev. L. J. Rainey and Mr. J. N. Watkins, Treasurer.

Song—"Blessed Assurance."

Sermon by Rev. E. G. Usry using as the text Romans 8:34.

Dismissal prayer—Rev. E. R. Harris.

Dinner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song—"Jesus Saves," "All Love Compelling." The devotional is lead by Rev. M. M. Turner.

MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. is read by Mrs. Sterling Carrington, is discussed by her.

REPORT OF W. M. U. WORK

I beg to bring you the report of The Womans Missionary Union of this Association for the year 1940-41.

Our object is threefold—First to stimulate a broader Christian Development on

the part of the women and young people, to enlist and train all in Christian Service, especially soul winning.

Second to receive and distribute missionary information, to promote missionary organizations among women and young people. Third—to encourage the earnest cooperation of women and young people in systematic contribution of money for missions at home and abroad.

The real purpose of it all is "To make Christ Known and to persuade people everywhere to let Him become the ruler in their hearts and lives. Trusting that all we do may be for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our work did not make the progress we wished and hoped it might last year. We did not have an A-1 Union in our Association, and only one A-1 W. M. S., Creedmoor.

Most societies failed to make an increase in gifts to the cooperative program.

Our entire W. M. U. gave to Missions, 100,000 Club and Cooperative Program $2,788.27—$300.55 less than in the previous year.

Our best record for this year is in gifts through the 100,000 Club. In 1940, 18 churches gave a little more than $500 as payment on our debt. The first nine months of this year 26 churches have given already more than $500 as payment on our debt. We are justly proud of the eight churches who have joined the club and are helping to make our denomination debtless by 1945.

We have also made gains this year in our special offerings to Home and State Missions.

Group meetings were held in April with Creedmoor, Enon, West Oxford and Rock Spring. Visiting speakers who brought stirring and challenging messages were Mrs. W. R. Stone, Mrs. Winston Pearce and Mrs. George Carver.

A Mission study Institute has recently been held in Oxford under the direction of Mrs. E. J. Greene, our Mission Study Chairman.

Our Annual Meeting was held with Mt. Zion Church June 18th and 19th. We were fortunate in having as speakers Mrs. A. S. Gillespie of China and Stovall and Dr. H. H. McMillan also returned missionary from China. Dr. McMillan brought encouraging news from Mission work in China, in spite of war and urged us not to let down at this time. An offering was taken for Chinese Relief amounting to $25.00, and sent immediately to this starving people.

We are indeed grateful to the Young People of Mt. Zion for their fine presentation of the playlet "No Time" and also to the Y. W. A. girls of Island Creek for their splendid contribution in rendering "A Spiritual Tonic." These playlets were well given, entertaining and we trust helpful. The theme for all these meetings was based on our Watchword "That thy way may be known." The Association extends thanks to Mrs. Beverly for helping out with Young Peoples Work.

The Officers of the Association were reelected with the exception of leader for Group IV and young Peoples Leader. These vacancies were filled in the election of Mrs. Fred Daniel, Group Leader, and Miss Ruby Watkins, Young Peoples Leader, assisted by Mrs. Felix Adcock.

Girls from several of our Churches attended the G. A. House Party at Meredith in June.

Seven Churches have sent in a Birthday Remembrance for Ruby Daniel.

MRS. STERLING CARRINGTON, *Supt. W. M. U.*

The report on State Missions is read by Rev. Joe B. Currin.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Mr. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh is the General Secretary of the State Mission Board which is composed of representative men and women throughout the state.

The work of the Board is extensive, varied, and I should say increasingly important. In addition to establishing and aiding churches among the poor and in strategic places the Board is working for the furtherance of the gospel in and through the churches

by strengthening the S. S., and B. T. U. and by promoting schools for pastors. It also ministers to the sick, the wayward, and to people of other races. Another and new phase of the work is that of providing for the spiritual wellbeing of the thousands who surround the military camps.

In this complex and strenuous age when it is becoming more and more difficult to succeed at almost anything the State Board stands in great need of more funds to carry on the work of evangelizing, enlisting, and developing the people of our state.

Moreover there is a grave need for all that can be done to render it possible for the ministers whom God has called, to reach the people in and about the churches through the preaching and the pastoral work.

JOE B. CURRIN.

The report on Home Missions is read by Rev. L. J. Rainey.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our Home Mission Board, under the leadership of Dr. J. B. Lawrence, is an important part of our Baptist program in promoting the Kingdom of God. In Cuba and in the Southland this Board is endeavoring to meet the forces of evil by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its missionaries are working among Jews, foreigners, negroes, mountain people and Indians. The Board has not forgotten the people in great cities nor has it overlooked the people in remote rural areas. Many other activities are being carried on by the Board for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The Board needs money to carry on its program. Southern Baptist are fully able to finance this work if they are willing to bring the tithes into the storehouse.

In the Flat River Association, we have done a little bit more than nothing in support of this great work. Last year all of our churches gave $623.38 to Home Missions or 7½c per member. We ought to confess this sin of neglect to our Heavenly Father and to seek His forgiveness in failing to work with Him. We should by all means quit sitting idly and go to work. We need to enlist ourselves and our people in bringing all the tithes and offerings into the storehouse. This work can really go forward if we will take it seriously.

L. J. RAINEY

The Moderator reads a letter from Dr. C. E. Maddrey.

Mr. M. A. Huggins discusses these reports, they are then adopted.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

This report is read by Rev. M. L. Banister, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT OF THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

After several years of experience of giving through the Co-operative Program Southern Baptists would not go back to the old method of giving that was prompted by special appeals to the different objects of the Convention.

Giving through the Co-operative Program is scriptural. We can not fail in our gifts when we carry out the scriptural plan.

Co-operation means that each of the different Boards sponsored by the State and Southern Baptist Conventions work together in the interest of the whole denomination, and not in the interest of a part. State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hospitals, Orphanages, Christian Education, Ministerial Relief compose the

whole denominational program, and by offering our gifts through the Co-operative Program each of these Boards gets an adequate amount to supply its needs. The Executive Committee of both the State and Southern Baptist Conventions know the needs of each Board, and these needs are pro-rated to each agency at the beginning of each Convention year; and the gifts of the local churches presented each Sunday during the year, and then distributed monthly to the responsible officials of these Boards, enable all bills to be met promptly, and the work to continue uninterruptedly throughout the year.

It is easier for the individual worshippers to make their contributions regularly every time they worship, and it is better for the church and the Conventions. Many small gifts throughout the year will exceed much larger sums, which are given once or twice a year, and will also cultivate the spiritual life of the giver.

As we begin our new year every local member of each of the churches of the Flat River Association is urged to make his gifts at each stated hour of worship, and the treasurer of each church to mail the amount contributed to the Co-operative Program to the State Secretary monthly.

M. L. BANISTER

Chairman of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher makes a report and is adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1942.
Place—Olive Grove Church.
Preacher—Rev. J. M. Walker.
Alternate—Rev. E. R. Harris.

E. G. USRY
G. W. ROYSTER
S. E. WILSON, *Committee*

Rev. D. E. Hill, Portsmouth, Va. is introduced to the Association by Mr. M. A. Huggins.

Remarks by Entertainment Committee of Providence Church.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. M. L. Banister.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

Song—"Give of Your Best to the Master."

Rev. J. M. Walker leads the devotional.

Mr. Raymond J. Elliott, Associational B. T. U. Leader, discusses the Young Peoples' Work.

Mr. John Lawrence sings, "Living for Jesus", then addresses the Association.

Remarks by the Moderator.

Song—"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Dismissal prayer by Mr. Raymond J. Elliott.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Song—"We are Marching to Zion." "Lead on Oh King Eternal."

The Moderator recognizes Rev. and Mrs. G. Van Stephens.

Scripture reading by the Moderator then Rev. G. Van Stephens leads in prayer.

Song—"I'll Be What You Want Me to Be."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

This report is read by Mr. Sam L. Knott, is discussed by him, Prof. F. R. Barlowe, Mr. J. A. Timberlake, Mr. Jasper Dean, Mrs. Fielding Knott, Miss Viola Collins, Rev. E. R. Harris, Rev. E. G. Usry and Rev. C. A. Upchurch, then adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday Schools of the Flat River Association have made very little progress in the past five years. According to the records the average church membership has been eight thousand three hundred and fifty. Of this number four thousand eight hundred and seventy nine were enrolled in Sunday School. One third of the Sunday School enrollment are children not of church age. So we find less than forty per cent of our church members enrolled. The average attendance was two thousand three hundred and fifty-six, allowing the percentage for children, one third, we had one thousand five hundred and seventy one or less than twenty per cent of our church members in Sunday Schools on Sunday morning.

When we take into consideration the large area covered by this Association, and the thousands of souls not receiving any religious training, we, who are charged with leadership in this dangerous but great day should be concerned enough to try and improve these conditions.

SAM L. KNOTT

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The report is read by Supt. B. D. Bunn, is discussed by Rev. G. Van Stephens then adopted.

Song—"Make Me a Channel of Blessings."

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In looking over some of the records, we find the following enrollment in our institutions of higher learning in North Carolina. In the Baptist Denomination there are 4,534 people enrolled in the college, high school, and summer school departments. Listed in the Methodist report for 1940 they have 4,934 enrolled in the Methodist Denominational schools. In the Presbyterian schools there are 2281 enrolled, making a total of 11,749 in the three major denominational institutions in North Carolina. All other denominations combined with these three probably make the total amount 20,000 in all denominational schools. From this enrollment comes most of our ministerial leadership of the State and a very large group of lay leaders. In all walks of life the influence of these people, for the cause of Christian-

ity and for the uplift of mankind, is beyond our power to estimate. In one of Dr. Hamby's articles we find this statement "A tablet in one of the islands of the South Seas gives the noble life of a great missionary thus 'when he came to this island there were no Christians, When he left there were no heathens'. We would heartily commend the entire program of the State School System but the Christian must go beyond."

Again Roger Babson says "We grow not by starting where others start but by starting where others stop. The great difficulty confronting our young people is, they have the spending power of giants and the earning power of a baby. Christians should seek, find and apply an adjustment for this unbalanced order of life."

Again we quote from another distinguished citizen, President Thomas Jefferson, who said "If a people expect to be ignorant and free, they expect what can never be". In all of the work in which President Jefferson ever did as a statesman, soldier, or Christian, he considered the work of a Christian school paramount in his life. Perhaps the greatest mind ever influenced in the halls of his institution was that brilliant pioneer of Southern Baptist and Christian education, Dr. John A. Broadus.

In 1938 while studying at Peabody College it was my privilege to work under Dr. Q. W. Leavell, pioneer Baptist layman. Three years prior to this time, a group of his students made a study of all the reading material in a large group of schools in relation to the background of the material used. This was compared with all the material available that was used in schools the latter part of the 19th century. During the latter part of the 19th century 95.6% of all material used in reading was taken directly or indirectly from the Bible or Bible history or prophesies. The 1935 material showed that only 5½% of all the material used in the elementary school had any reference to Bible or Bible history. This seems to me to be sufficient in itself to show that lay leadership is ignoring the influence of Christian education.

Dr. J. B. Spillman says "One good example is worth a thousand theories". Our education must be made Christian for religion is primarily "caught" and not "taught". The greatest responsibility on any denomination today is on the shoulders of the Baptist because they far out number any other denomination in denominational institutions and in the public schools.

B. D. BUNN

HOSPITALS

This report is read by Rev. E. R. Harris, is discussed by Rev. Charles E. Parker of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital is just now completing additions to its plant that increases its bed capacity from 108 to 300. This will enable the hospital to treat 10,000 patients each year. Of this number, we may expect 3,300 of them will be service patients; that is, not able to pay a hospital bill. 3,300 will be mothers who have waiting for their return home, 10,000 children. If the present rate is maintained, 200 will be preachers for whom no charge has been made for the last two years or more.

The hospital has a staff of 100 doctors: these are all specialists in the many fields of medicine and surgery.

The hospital runs a well-equipped standard Training School for Nurses. These are taken from as nearly every section of the state as possible. A class of about 50 will be taken each year, making a school of 150.

The Medical Building of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College is now completed and the school opened the first of September of this year. While the Medical School and the Hospital will be closely related and mut-

ually helpful in every department, they will remain separate institutions, controlled by separate Boards of Directors and supported from different sources.

Everything contributed to the hospital goes to the support of the hospital exclusively. The Mother's Day Offering by the churches is used entirely for the service of patients not financially able to pay for treatment.

The spiritual side of the hospital's service is stressed always. The Hospital has a full time pastor supplied by the generous donation of Mr. C. M. Scott of High Point. This pastor, Rev. Charles E. Parker, in addition to his many activities with the patients and their families and friends, teaches a course in Bible in the Nurses Training School.

The various organizations of our women and young people are rendering a vast service to the hospital in supplying linens of all kinds—such as sheets, pillow cases, towels, washcloths, etc.

Our vastly enlarged program, of course, will require increased support.

EDWIN R. HARRIS

The report of Committee on Resolutions is read by the chairman, then adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We recommend an Associational Representative for
The Orphanage—Rev. J. M. Walker.
The Recorder—Rev. C. A. Upchurch.
The Cooperative Program—Rev. Joe B. Currin.

L. J. RAINEY
W. M. BRUMMITT
J. H. PERRY, *Committee*

Rev. Joe B. Currin makes motion asking the Moderator to appoint a committee to study the situation and to devise some means of getting more delegates to attend the Associational meeting. The motion is carried and the Moderator appoints the following committee: Rev. Joe B. Currin, Mr. G. W. Norwood, Mr. J. A. Timberlake.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. L. J. Rainey.

Dinner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song—"Calvary". Prayer by Mr. Carl Ragland. Song—"Work for the Night is Coming."

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY

This report is read by Rev. M. L. Banister, is discussed by Rev. E. R. Harris and adopted.

REPORT ON THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

Accredited actuaries and insurance experts have appraised this organization as one worthy of a place among its contemporaries and competitors. With assets of

$5,147,663.24 as of December 30, 1940, one readily sees something of its growth.

Eighteen states and the District of Columbia have joined the organization as units operating under one of the many plans afforded by its charter.

North Carolina Baptists are cooperating with the Relief and Annuity Board on the basis of three percent of the minister's salary matched by three percent of the salary by the respective churches plus two percent added by the State Mission Board. Thus the insurance feature is fostered by the Board while we pay a total of eight percent of the respective pastor's salaries into the treasury of the organization.

Your committee begs the privilege of urging the various churches of the Flat River Association to enter into this cooperative movement for the security of its Baptist ministers who have given their lives for the gospel of Christ. We further suggest that special offerings be taken by the churches at the Lord's Supper and on other special occasions.

Secondly, we urge the cooperation of the ministers in this vital matter. Much of the success of the Relief and Annuity Board depends upon the attitude and cooperation of our ministers.

However, this is a matter in which the churches must take the initiative since the security of the minister's financial status in old age is dependent upon the generosity of the people whom he has served.

CHARLES F. HUDSON

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

This report is read by Rev. C. H. Norris, is discussed by Mr. Cale K. Burgess, and adopted. On motion an offering is taken in the amount of $21.00.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

The question "Am I my Brother's keeper?" Genesis 4:9 is answered by "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself". Romans 14:7. "Because he is, so are we in this world", 1st John 4:17. Christians who are true to every trust represent Christ in their lives by their daily walk.

In a democracy like ours the relationship of life and our responsibility as citizens make one as strong as all, and all as strong as one. As Gambrel said, "In a democracy everybody is somebody."

Our democracy is built on the Christianity of our country and our Christianity is the force that holds us together and our power that carries us on toward the goal of success. Out of Christianity is born our ideas and our ideals that cause us to endeavor to live up to the moral standard and high and holy purposes given us by Christ. "A democracy has in it the germs of destruction" therefore Christians must be alert in doing their full duty in putting down immorality and lawlessness, and fight evil in every form. Christians should live uncompromisingly; stand against worldliness that is robbing our churches of their strength; vote against beer, wine, and liquor; fighting these at every turn of the way.

The only ground God has ever given to a Christian is fighting ground. We are to do and die for the right if need be. It is better to be a dead hero than to be a living coward.

We have some evils in our country that must be put down and put out or they will destroy the great commonwealth of ours. Some of them are working secretly, but some are in the open such as liquor, lawlessness and immorality, much of which is caused by liquor and others. "Together we stand, divided we fall". Let us stand for the right on Christ's side, against evil and we will win against wrong for the right. "If God be for us, who can be against us." Romans 8:31.

C. H. NORRIS

GENERAL MATTERS

Motion is made and carried to appoint a committee to contact the churches and collect $150.00 to furnish a room at the Baptist Hospital. The Moderator appoints Rev. E. R. Harris to this committee.

Remarks by Mr. Carl Ragland.

A vote of appreciation is extended to Providence, the host church, also to Knott's Grove and Tally Ho for their assistance.

The report of the Treasurer is read by Mr. J. N. Watkins.

The Association instructs the Treasurer to pay the Clerk the usual fee.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Collections		$123.50
Expenses:		
Minutes	$80.50	
Clerk	35.00	
Moderator for Programs, Stamps, etc.	7.50	
		123.00
Balance on Hand		.50
Brought Over from 1940		71.80
TOTAL ON HAND		$ 72.30

J. N. WATKINS, *Treasurer*

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Members at Large—

Rev. M. L. Banister	Oxford, N. C.
Mrs. W. K. Wood	Creedmoor, N. C.
Mr. W. H. Upchurch	Oxford, N. C.
Mr. F. W. Hancock	Oxford, N. C.
Mr. W. B. Jones	Stem, N. C.
Mrs. Edith Fagan Cannady	Oxford, N. C.

Moderator, Clerk—(Exofficio-Members)

The following were elected by the several churches and endorsed by the Moderator:

Churches—

Amis Chapel	Mr. R. M. Smart, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2
Bullock	Mr. Francis Davis, Bullock, N. C.
Bethany	Mr. D. M. Cash, Rougemont, N. C., Route 1
Concord	Mr. R. W. Currin, Northside, N. C.
Creedmoor	Mr. R. H. Rogers, Creedmoor, N. C.
Corinth	Mr. J. W. Brummitt, Oxford, N. C., Route 2
Dexter	Mr. E. B. Green, Oxford, N. C., Route 2

Enon	**Mr. Sam Knott, Oxford, N. C., Route 1**
Fellowship	Mr. L. T. O'Briant, Durham, N. C., Roxboro Street
Florence Ave	Mr. S. M. Torian, Virgilina, Va.
Grassy Creek	Mr. J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.
Hester	Mr. Alfred Dean, Oxford, N. C., Route 2
Island Creek	Mr. Lewis Shanks, Henderson, N. C., Route 3
Knott's Grove	Mr. John Dean, Oxford, N. C., Route 2
Knapp of Reeds	Mr. Armed Tilley, Bahama, N. C.
Mt. Harmony	Mr. L. P. Sherman, Rougemont, N. C., Route 1
Mt. Creek	Mr. R. L. Eakes, Oxford, N. C., Route 6
Mt. Zion	Mr. E. D. Gooch, Oxford, N. C., Route 1
Olive Branch	Mr. Mack Gentry, Roxboro, N. C.
Olive Grove	Mr. John Emory, Northside, N. C.
Oxford	Mr. C. O. Mainor, Oxford, N. C.
Pleasant Grove	Mr. Macey Newton, Hester, N. C., Route
Peace's Chapel	Mr. W. S. West, Oxford, N. C., Route 3
Poplar Creek	Mr. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, N. C., Route 4
Providence	Mr. Glen Daniel, Oxford, N. C., Route 2
Rock Grove	Mrs. S. T. Slaughter, Roxboro, N. C.
Rock Spring	Mr. E. J. Knott, Clarksville, Va.
Stovall	Mr. J. B. Pittard, Stovall, N. C.
Sharon	Mr. W. A. Sherman, Oxford, N. C., Route 1
Tally Ho	Mr. G. W. Stem, Stem, N. C., Route
Tabb's Creek	Mr. H. W. Currin, Oxford, N. C., Route 3
West Oxford	Mr. Lester Oakley, Oxford, N. C.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1942

W. M. U. Work	Mrs. Sterling Carrington
Religious Literature	Rev. C. F. Hudson
Annual Sermon	Rev. J. M. Walker
Digest of Church Letters	Mr. Sam A. Howard

Missions:

State	**Rev. C. H. Norris**
Home	Rev. C. A. Upchurch
Foreign	Rev. L. J. Rainey
Cooperative and Enlistment Program	Rev. M. L. Banister
Young People's Work	Mr. Raymond Elliott
Relief and Annuity Board	Rev. E. R. Harris
Baptist Hospital	Rev. Joe B. Currin
Sunday Schools	Mr. B. D. Bunn
Christian Education	Rev. Lee Pridgen
Christian Citizenship	Rev. M. M. Turner
N. C. Baptist Orphanage	Rev. E. G. Usry
Report of Executive Committee	Rev. M. L. Banister
Report on Obituaries	Mrs. John Emory

Mrs. O. L. Bowling leads the Memorial Service. At the conclusion Rev. and Mrs. G. Van Stephens sings, "Saved By Grace."

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

We, the members of Flat River Association are deeply grieved to report so many of our number have passed away since we last met. But to be aware that one has used his opportunities of life in service to God and to his fellowmen, and to have an inner assurance that such services have been acceptable to God produces a satisfying joy in having lived. Such experiences were the lot of the following deceased:

Amis Chapel—Deacon W. L. Clark, Mrs. Emma Talley.
Bethany—Mr. J. J. Sweaney.
Corinth—Deacon S. H. Usry.
Creedmoor—Mr. Labe Merritt, Mr. J. E. Hester.
Enon—Mr. W. M. Bullock, Mrs. Alene Hobgood, Mr. A. T. Knott, Mr. Fred W. Knott, Miss Lucille Hicks.
Fellowship—Mr. L. V. Keith, Aaron Allen.
Florence Ave.—Miss Mary Harris, Miss Mary Amis.
Grassy Creek—Mrs. Baker Newton, Mr. W. B. Sizemore.
Hester—Mr. E. J. Watson, Mrs. J. D. Kinton.
Island Creek—Mrs. Odorine Clark, Mr. Eugene Hicks, Mr. Floyd Barker, Mr. Charlie Tucker.
Knap of Reeds—Mr. Cassam Tilley, Mr. O. V. Gullie.
Knotts Grove—Mrs. J. E. Knott, Miss Ada Cox.
Mountain Creek—Mr. Graham Hart, Mrs. Raymond Parham.
Mount Harmony—Mrs. Annie Glenn.
Olive Branch—Mrs. S. D. Pool, Mrs. Sallie Whitt, Mrs. Lorine Dixon, Mrs. Dot Farrow, Mrs. Cora Dixon.
Oxford—Mrs. L. A. Royster, Mr. W. Scott Hunt, Mr. D. S. Hunt, Mr. Edwin Knott, Mrs. Garland Averette, Mr. Ben H. Averette, Mr. Joseph Gooch, Mrs. E. K. Howard.
Pleasant Grove—Mrs. L. R. Hayes.
Poplar Creek—Mr. J. U. Fleming, Mrs. P. E. Wilkinson, Mrs. L. R. Ball, Mrs. M. Ellen Parrott.
Providence—Mrs. Katherine Parham Jones.
Rock Spring—Mr. J. W. Keeton, Mrs. Mary Ella Vandyke.
Sharon—Mrs. J. D. Greenway, Mr. J. D. Greenway.
Stovall—Deacon L. G. Puckett, Mr. W. R. Cole, Mr. W. S. Burwell.
Tally Ho—Deacon J. P. Walters, Mr. J. H. Daniel.
West Oxford—Mrs. R. L. Beaver, Mr. W. P. Bowling, Mrs. Jessie Oakley.

MRS. O. L. BOWLING, *Committee*

Dismissal prayer by Rev. E. G. Usry. The Association adjourns.

REV. W. D. POE, *Moderator*
SAM A. HOWARD, *Clerk*

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION YEAR ENDING 1941

CHURCHES	Is It in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP								Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					Gains				Losses								
					Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Resolutions	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths					
Amis Chapel	C	1879		2	5	1		1	10			2	232		1	4	12
Bethany	C		C. F. Hudson, Durham	2								1	119		1	1	6
Bullock	V	1904	J. M. Walker, Stovall	1		3			9		2		149		1	4	12
Concord	C	1805	E. G. Usry, Oxford	2	1	1	1		3				144		1	1	5
Corinth	C	1832	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	1-3	9	1	1		4			1	190		1	2	
Creedmoor	T	1895		2-4	4	5						2	198		1	1	15
Dexter	C	1906	Lee Pridgen, Wake Forest	2-4	16				6				258		1	2	
Enon	C	1875	W. D. Poe, Oxford	1-2-3	12	2			16			5	397		1	2	18
Fellowship	C	1840	L. R. Jordon, Wake Forest	4	2	1			5	1		2	205		1	1	4
Florence Ave.	V	1891	E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1-3	1				2			2	141			4	6
Grassy Creek	C			4	8	5	1	1	3			2	352		1	3	
Hester	C	1823	W. D. Poe, Oxford	2-4	2	1			5			2	456		1	4	20
Island Creek	C	1820	J. M. Walker, Stovall	1-3	14	3			4			4	481		1	2	12
Knapp of Reeds	V		Paul Childress, Zebulon	2-4	2			1	2			2	159		1	2	
Knott's Grove	C	1901	W. D. Poe, Oxford	2-4	7	2	1					2	77		1	2	4
Mountain Creek	C	1860		3	1	3			10			2	439		1	3	5
Mt. Harmony	C		L. J. Rainey, Durham	1-3	3	1						1	198		1	4	9
Mt. Zion	V	1840		1-3	7	3			8				231		1	2	11
Olive Branch	C	1826	Joel B. Currin, Roxboro	2-4	14				5		3	5	296		1	1	
Olive Grove	C		R. E. Atkins, Raleigh	1-3	2								232		1	4	4
Oxford	T		M. L. Banister, Oxford	Every	59	29			35		1	8	1110			4	72
Peace's Chapel	C	1887	E. G. Usry, Oxford	4		8			3			2	343		1	2	14
Pleasant Grove	C	1858	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	2-4	1	3			4			1	216		1		8
Poplar Creek	C		W. D. Poe, Oxford	1-3	5	1						4	89		1	1	4
Providence	C		J. M. Walker, Stovall	2-4	14	3			9			1	273		1	3	1
Rock Grove	C	1906	Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	1-3	12	1	1		4				148		1	2	
Rock Spring	C		Lee Pridgen, Zebulon	1-3	1	2			6			2	299		1	2	12
Sharon	C	1896	E. G. Usry, Oxford	1	7	4					1	2	205		1	2	4
Stovall	V	1886	J. M. Walker, Stovall	2-4	17	11			16			3	536		1	4	25
Tabb's Creek	C		C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	3	4	3			4				149		1	4	
Tally Ho	C	1908	M. M. Turner, Wake Forest	2-4		3			8			2	229		1	2	
West Oxford	T	1912	E. G. Usry, Oxford	Every	2	4			4			3	153		1	4	3
					232	104	5	3	185	1	7	63	8704		30	79	286

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1941

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										Special Information						
		Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years Up	Extension Department	General and Departmental Officers	Total Including Officers Teachers and Pupils	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Baptisms from S. School	Is the School Graded?	Is It Standard A-1?	Teachers Holding Diplomas	Enrollment of Vacation School	Average Attendance of Vacation School
Amis Chapel	R. M. Smart, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	12	16	14	17	12	39	50			157	72	5	*	*	2		
Bethany																		
Bullock	F. E. Davis, Bullock			6	6	17	23	27		11	90	60		x	*			
Concord	J. L. Jolley, Creedmoor			13		15	25	14		3	70	33		*	*			
Corinth	R. F. Currin, Oxford		11	10	18	13	24	29			105	40	11					
Creedmoor	J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor		24	16	27	10	68	49		3	197	95	4	x	*	5		
Dexter												54	6	*	*			
Enon	Sam L. Knott, Oxford, R. 1	10	14	18	38	47	64	83		10	284	124	12	x	*			
Fellowship	W. S. Hobgood, Creedmoor	7	12	18	23	14	24	27		3	128	73		x	*			
Florence Ave.	F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.			15	12	12	25	35			99	50	1	*	*			
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.		20	24	20	49	38	89			240	130	8	x	*			
Hester	Prof. F. R. Barlowe, Oxford, R. 1	8	15	25	25	45	30	90			238	144						
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Henderson	30	15	14	37	30	40	58	14	14	252	25		x	*			
Knapp of Reeds	R. J. Walker, Creedmoor	3	8	8	14	10	26	31		10	110	85	2	*	*			
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, R. 2										33	26	7	x	*			
Mountain Creek	J. S. Watkins, Oxford, R. 4	6	10	12	23	35	36	61		5	188	78	1	x	*	5		
Mt. Harmony	C. R. Sherman, Timberlake R. 1	2	11	12	20	12	30	40			127	93	3	x	*	3		
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Stem											82	6	*				
Olive Branch	Fenton Clark, Virgilina, Va.		16	23	24	21	34	35		10	163			x	*			
Olive Grove	R. C. Perry, Northside		8	4	6	11	25	24		2	85	50	1	*	*	2		
Oxford	Miss Sadie Parham, Oxford	68	45	56	87	128	45	210	62		720	401	59	x	x	24	92	78
Peace's Chapel	L. B. Newton, Oxford, R. 2	3	4	7	18	28	45	39			144	59		x	*			
Pleasant Grove	Lee Smith, Creedmoor			15	10	12	19	28			84	50						
Poplar Creek	D. F. Hart, Henderson, R. 3		11		6	8	16	8			49	35	5	*	*			
Providence	Flem Daniel, Oxford, R. 2		8	10	15	20	45	35		12	145	72	6	x	*			
Rock Grove	M. M. Hicks, Roxboro			9	17	15	25	20			80	40	12	x	*			
Rock Spring	W. H. Greene, Clarksville, Va.		7	7	10	14	22	17		7	84	42	1	*	*			
Sharon	Fred Elliott, Oxford, R. 1	24	9	9	12	14	16	26		1	111	45	3	x	*			
Stovall	E. R. Perry, Stovall	11	19	19	32	26	29	68		18	222	109	16	x	*	7		
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, R. 3		11		23	21	28			10	93	70	4	x	*			
Tally Ho	Glenn Daniel, Stem	6	6	3	5	12	10	25			72	40						
West Oxford	D. E. Long, Oxford	6	8	31	37	61	80	51	12	4	290	127	2	x	*			
		196	308	398	582	712	931	1269	88	123	4660	2404	175			48	92	78

NOTE: * No. x Yes.

TABLE III. BAPTIST TRAINING UNION FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1941
BAPTIST TRAINING UNION (B. Y. P. U's. and B. A. U's.)

CHURCHES	DIRECTOR OF TRAINING UNION	Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions and Story Hours	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Enrolled Unions and Story Hours	Total Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions	Students in College from Your Church
Amis Chapel	Woodis Vaughn, Virgilina, Va.			1			1										4
Corinth	Mrs. R. F. Currin, Oxford R			1			1			25							1
Enon	Miss Christine Currin, Oxford, R. 1			1			1			48			48	20	30		6
Grassy Creek	Mrs. James Frazier, Nelson, Va.		1				1		20				20				6
Mountain Creek	R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1		1	1	1	4	20		30	16	19	85	37			5
Oxford	Mrs. T. O. Mullins, Oxford	1	1	2	1		5	13	19	48	15		95	27	30	90	5
Pleasant Grove	Miss Mamie M. Smith, Creedmoor	1	1				2	13	15				28	10		28	
Providence	W. R. Mann, Oxford, R. 2		1				1		14				14				1
		3	4	6	2	1	16	46	68	151	31	19	290	94	60	118	28

TABLE IV. W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS, FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1941

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	W. M. U. WORK															
		No. W. M. S.	No. Y. W. A's.	No. G. A's.	No. R. A's.	No. Sunbeams	Total W. M. U.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A. Members	G. A. Members	R. A. Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Course	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.	Total for All Purposes Given by W. M. U. and All Its Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. W. L. Clark, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1	---	1	4	33	16	16	---	7	56	27	$	$	$ 86.80
Bethany	Mrs. Alpha Day, Rougemont	1	---	---	---	---	1	14	---	---	---	---	14	---	---------	12.39	12.39
Bullock	Mrs. R. A. Davis, Bullock	1	1	---	---	---	2	12	15	---	---	---	27	---	---------	63.90	63.90
Corinth	Mrs. F. H. Averette, Oxford, R.	1	---	---	---	---	1	16	---	---	---	---	16	9	---------	47.39	47.39
Creedmoor	Mrs. C. J. Mangum, Creedmoor	1	---	1	1	1	4	20	---	12	8	15	55	8	---------	74.87	74.87
Dexter	Mrs. E. J. Greene, Oxford, R. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	20	10	8	5	6	49	49	59.60	111.10	170.70
Enon	Mrs. W. D. Poe, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	30	15	16	12	20	93	58	---------	153.31	153.31
Florence Ave.	Mrs. E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	---	---	1	3	12	15	---	---	10	37	20	---------	64.75	64.75
Grassy Creek	Mrs. R. C. Pittard, Nelson, Va.	1	---	1	---	1	3	23	---	10	---	16	49	---	---------	44.41	44.41
Hester	Mrs. W. D. Poe, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	32	25	25	15	20	117	---	---------	258.86	258.86
Island Creek	Mrs. L. J. Shanks, Oxford, R. 5	1	1	1	---	1	4	39	22	8	---	15	84	31	179.78	100.69	280.47
Knapp of Reeds	Mrs. R. J. Walker, Creedmoor	1	1	---	---	1	3	14	15	---	---	16	45	---	---------	62.25	62.25
Knott's Grove	Mrs. J. F. Dean, Oxford, R. 2	1	---	---	---	1	2	16	---	---	---	11	27	---	---------	44.73	44.73
Mountain Creek	Mrs. J. B. Stovall, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1	---	1	4	32	16	15	---	10	73	30	58.00	134.96	192.96
Mt. Harmony	Miss Lelia Peed, Rougemont	1	---	---	---	---	1	12	---	---	---	---	12	---	---------	22.58	22.58
Mt. Zion	Miss Viola Jones, Stem	1	1	1	1	1	5	37	31	22	17	16	123	30	41.00	171.50	212.50
Olive Branch	Mrs. Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	1	---	---	---	1	2	17	---	---	---	---	17	9	6.90	20.34	27.24
Oxford	Mrs. S. M. Cutts, Oxford	1	1	2	1	1	6	169	24	38	22	65	318	191	4172.00	1053.13	5225.13
Peace's Chapel	Miss Iola Collins, Oxford, R. 3	1	---	---	---	---	1	17	---	---	---	---	17	9	---------	25.17	25.17
Poplar Creek	Mrs. W. A. Ball, Henderson	1	---	---	---	1	2	20	---	---	---	8	28	12	11.59	39.00	50.59
Providence	Mrs. O. L. Bowling, Oxford, R. 2	1	---	1	1	1	4	34	---	6	6	---	46	---	---------	67.03	67.03
Rock Grove	Mrs. M. H. Hicks, Roxboro, R. 2	1	1	---	---	1	3	15	16	---	---	15	46	---	---------	---------	---------
Rock Spring	Mrs. G. J. Moody, Clarksville, Va.	1	1	1	---	1	4	25	7	8	---	12	52	24	135.71	73.21	208.92
Sharon	Mrs. J. R. William, Oxford, R. 4	1	---	---	---	1	2	31	---	---	---	18	49	19	162.28	24.26	186.54
Stovall	Mrs. U. P. Cutts, Stovall	1	1	1	1	1	5	22	16	20	24	20	102	---	29.00	82.71	111.71
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. W. E. Dorsey, Oxford, R. 3	1	---	1	1	1	4	19	---	14	14	10	57	19	---------	57.40	57.40
Tally Ho	Mrs. Braswell Osborne, Stem	1	---	---	---	---	1	25	---	---	---	---	25	---	38.25	---------	38.25
West Oxford	Mrs. E. G. Usry, Oxford	1	---	---	---	---	1	18	---	---	---	---	18	2	---------	30.00	30.00
		28	14	15	9	21	87	774	243	218	123	310	1652	547	$4894.11	$2839.94	$7820.85

TABLE V. CHURCH PROPERTY OF FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1941

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Material Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Department Assembly Rooms	Number Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Amis Chapel	E. D. Frazier, R. 2, Virgilina, Va.	Yes	1885	W	300				$ 3,000	$	$ 3,000	$	$
Bethany	A. M. Tilley, Rougemont	Yes	1883	W	300	1		2	1,000		1,400		
Bullock	F. E. Davis, Bullock	Yes	1929	B	300	13	2	12	9,000		9,000		4,000
Concord	C. C. Currin, Northside	Yes	1805	W	250	1			1,500		1,500		
Corinth	G. C. Land, Oxford	Yes	1927	B-W	400	5		4	8,000		8,000		
Creedmoor	Miss Iris Longmire, Creedmoor	Yes	1895	W	400	10	1	10	6,615		6,615		3,000
Dexter	E. J. Green, R. 5, Oxford	Yes	1906	W	250	1			2,000		2,000		800
Enon	Gary A. Green, R. 1, Oxford	Yes	1917	W	500	10	4	10	8,000	3,000	11,000		5,750
Fellowship	W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor	Yes	1922	W	500	8	1	7	8,000		8,000		
Florence Ave.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	Yes	1891	W	450	3		2	3,000	4,000	7,000	300	5,500
Grassy Creek	C. D. Winston, Nelson, Va.	Yes	1936	B	600	13	2	10	18,000		18,000		5,100
Hester	C. N. Hobgood, R. 4, Oxford	Yes	1918	B	500	8	2	9	12,000	3,000	15,000		7,500
Island Creek	G. W. Norwood, R. 3, Henderson	Yes	1911	W	500	1			4,000	925	4,925	925	2,175
Knapp of Reeds	Amed Tilley, Bahama	Yes	1904	W	300	12	1	10	6,000		6,000		3,500
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, R. 2, Oxford	Yes	1903	W	250	1			2,500		2,500		1,800
Mountain Creek	R. T. Eakes, R. 4, Oxford	Yes	1918	B	500	8		7	10,000		10,000		1,500
Mt. Harmony	J. R. Jones, R. 1, Timberlake	Yes	1938	W	400	8		8	7,000		7,000		1,500
Mt. Zion	N. J. Jones, R. 1, Oxford	Yes	1892	B	500	1			8,000		8,000		
Olive Branch	Clyde Howell, Virgilina, Va.	Yes	1926	W	500	5			4,000		4,000		
Olive Grove	R. C. Perry, Northside	Yes	1929	B	500	10		10	10,000		10,800		
Oxford	Miss Dorothy Royster, Oxford	Yes	1927	B-S	800	58	7	47	140,000	12,000	152,000	40,600	69,000
Peace's Chapel	W. S. Howell, R. 2, Kittrell	Yes	1890	W	400	8		8	3,000		3,000		1,800
Pleasant Grove	Leonard Rogers, Creedmoor	Yes		W	500	1			200		200		100
Poplar Creek	Mrs. H. B. Parrott, R. 4, Henderson	Yes	1863	W	400	1			3,000		3,000		
Providence	J. T. Watkins, R. 2, Oxford	Yes	1907	W	500	5			3,500		3,500		1,800
Rock Grove	M. O. Yarboro, R. 2, Roxboro	Yes	1906	W	300	5		4	1,200		1,300		700
Rock Spring	Russell Green, R. 1, Clarksville, Va.	Yes	1886	W	300	6	1	5	3,500		3,500		2,500
Sharon	R. S. Greenway, R. 2, Virgilina, Va.	Yes	1938	W	275	5		4	3,200		3,200		
Stovall	Marrow Stovall, Stovall	Yes	1928	B-W	500	14	2	12	18,800		19,800		8,000
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Rt. 3, Oxford	Yes	1906	W	300	1			1,760		1,760		1,500
Tally Ho	Harold Stem, Stem	Yes	1908	W	300	1			1,500		1,500		1,000
West Oxford	D. E. Long, Oxford	Yes	1912	W	350	11		11	6,000		6,000		1,750
					13,125	235	23	192	$317,275	$ 22,925	$342,500	$ 41,825	$130,275

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1941

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH WORK										
		Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing Min. & Clerk of Asso.	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations
Amis Chapel	A. R. Frazier, R. 2, Virgilina, Va.	$ 300.00	$	$ 68.30	$ 24.32	$	$ 25.00	$ 50.04	$ 15.00	$ 3.50	$	$ 486.16
Bethany	D. M. Cash, Rougemont	200.00		78.70	18.50		3.92			2.50	15.50	319.12
Bullock	C. G. Royster, Bullock	329.60		53.40	14.00		116.80	38.13	14.00	3.00		568.93
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	250.00		40.00	138.00		25.00	15.07		2.32		470.39
Corinth	G. C. Land, Oxford	289.88		52.15			14.00	20.75				376.78
Creedmoor	J. C. Peed, Creedmoor	420.00		42.00			84.00	70.00	10.00	5.00		631.00
Dexter	I. T. Green, R. 5, Oxford	300.00		41.79	80.00		4.80	60.00	20.00	3.00	160.00	669.59
Enon	J. T. Yancey, R. 3, Oxford	900.00		50.00	710.33		183.73	98.68		5.00		1,947.74
Fellowship	Alvace Whitaker, Creedmoor	350.00		35.00	2.00		55.03	50.29	6.00	5.00	28.05	531.37
Florence Ave.	S. M. Torian, Virgilina, Va.	300.00		90.00	50.00	66.00	119.00	50.00		5.00	3.30	683.30
Grassy Creek	C. C. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.	400.00		50.00			89.85	72.00		3.50		615.35
Hester	N. F. Hobgood, R. 4, Oxford	1,000.00		70.00	449.90		131.40	139.23		5.00		1,795.53
Island Creek	G. B. Shotwell, R. 5, Henderson	281.30	120.50	47.00	6.08	80.00	74.90	69.83		4.00	179.78	863.39
Knapp of Reeds	Amed Tilley, Bahama	340.00		35.50	6.05		66.01	36.00		5.00	2.09	490.65
Knott's Grove	Fielding Knott, R. 2, Oxford	200.00		32.65			26.90	20.98		1.50	11.12	293.15
Mountain Creek	R. L. Eakes, R. 4, Oxford	392.00		92.86	45.10		158.65	142.66		5.00	43.95	880.22
Mt. Harmony	W. B. Jones, Timberlake, R. 1	600.00		30.00				48.00	50.00	2.00		730.00
*Mt. Zion	W. H. Dean, R. 1, Oxford	371.23		60.00	25.00		171.00	58.78		5.00		691.01
Olive Branch	C. S. Loftis, Woodsdale	468.65		41.00	15.00		24.00	38.36	9.50	5.48		601.99
Olive Grove	P. S. Horton, Northside	300.00		36.00	9.00		37.00		5.00	5.80	3.45	396.25
Oxford	J. E. Pittard, Oxford	3,600.00	940.00	35.00		4,424.29	1,315.28	415.80		20.00	5,200.00	15,950.37
Peace's Chapel	C. M. Gresham, R. 2, Kittrell	200.00		28.41			30.10	30.00	1.85	3.65	.52	294.53
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Macy Newton, Creedmoor	250.00		35.00			53.00	35.00		3.00		376.00
Poplar Creek	Carlyle Wright, R. 4, Henderson	240.00		20.00	34.00		18.00	36.85		1.50	14.75	365.10
Providence	C. H. Piper, R. 2, Oxford	500.00		88.30			88.60	63.50		3.00		743.40
Rock Grove	M. M. Hicks, Rt. 2, Roxboro	261.85		42.00	48.00		30.00	40.00	10.00	2.00		433.85
Rock Spring	George Wilson, Rt. 5, Henderson	390.00		50.00			153.50			3.00	46.17	642.67
Sharon	W. A. Sherman, R. 1, Oxford	200.00		44.35	137.04		15.00	42.75	8.41	4.00	24.85	476.40
Stovall	Harold O'Brien, R. 5, Oxford	600.00		221.83			163.40	115.22	5.50	5.00	34.45	1,145.40
Tabb's Creek	W. M. Brummitt, Rt. 3, Oxford	200.00		40.00			27.07	32.88		3.00		302.95
Tally Ho	O. G. Clayton, Stem	206.50		25.65			36.00	21.00		5.00		294.15
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	360.00		100.00	16.24		106.09	175.00	7.00	5.00	153.80	923.13
		$15,001.01	$1,060.50	$1,776.89	$1,828.56	$4,570.29	$3,447.03	$2,086.80	$162.26	$134.75	$5,921.78	$35,989.87

*Slaughter Fund to Pastor's Salary $20.00.

TABLE VII. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND BENEVOLENCES FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1941

CHURCHES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special To Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Hundred Thousand Club	Other Causes	Total to All Missions, & Benevolences	Grand Total All Gifts all Purposes
Amis Chapel	$ 15.45	$ 44.95	$ 5.75	$ 17.50	$	$	$ 71.10	$ 11.88	$ 8.75	$ 35.86	$ 5.30	$ 216.54	$ 702.70
Bethany				17.00			55.61	4.50				77.11	396.23
Bullock	20.00	5.05		18.90			75.00	5.36		36.00	6.90	167.21	736.14
Concord							16.59	3.56	6.00		7.00	33.15	503.54
Corinth	19.20	2.30			.85		8.28	4.99		15.00	9.26	59.88	436.66
Creedmoor	72.87						92.31	18.00		9.00		192.18	823.18
Dexter	38.00	8.25	10.00	20.00			28.30	11.35		96.00		211.96	881.55
Enon	180.00						117.20	16.00		67.00	172.06	552.26	2,500.00
Fellowship	70.06	8.25		140.00			58.13	8.76		5.35	47.00	337.55	868.92
Florence Ave.	105.75	6.25	8.25	17.50		5.00	91.63	10.78	24.00	12.00		281.16	964.46
Grassy Creek	39.56						69.96			12.00	29.10	150.62	765.97
Hester	273.40	73.71	43.33	100.00	18.14		101.37	17.00		130.00	56.00	812.95	2,752.48
Island Creek	150.47	10.70	2.57	8.10			24.75	4.31		19.00		219.90	1,083.29
Knapp of Reeds	131.94	8.45	1.50	1.50			45.57	3.33				192.29	682.94
Knott's Grove	63.30	2.00	7.00	7.00		1.00	4.95	1.00		12.00	11.43	109.68	402.83
Mountain Creek	246.10	13.65	14.70	13.75			134.87	6.70		15.60		445.37	1,325.59
Mt. Harmony	93.00		5.58	8.00			47.00	12.87		9.00	5.39	180.84	911.14
*Mt. Zion	122.81	28.00	19.26	9.50	8.00	1.50	64.55	10.15		39.00	37.62	340.39	1,031.40
Olive Branch			3.40	66.75			52.30	9.17		21.00	18.90	171.52	773.15
Olive Grove		6.10					6.25					12.35	408.60
Oxford	1,413.88	143.90					504.27	61.23		152.00	81.18	2,356.46	18,306.83
Peace's Chapel	33.02						33.66	11.48	8.00			86.16	380.69
Pleasant Grove	39.00	6.50			4.00		21.00	10.25			4.50	85.25	461.25
Poplar Creek	17.00	5.00	5.00	5.00			15.20			24.00		71.20	436.30
Providence	40.14	15.17	4.00	17.00	5.00		59.15			13.40	7.03	160.89	904.29
Rock Grove	83.00	7.50	2.24	2.00	23.00		36.14	5.00		29.00	5.75	193.63	627.48
Rock Spring	152.47						87.92		10.00			250.39	893.06
Sharon	63.71						8.20	9.72				81.63	558.03
Stovall	203.51	26.77		8.00			51.51	15.52				305.31	1,450.71
Tabb's Creek	30.32	4.70	2.50	6.00			32.28	6.50		16.33	15.90	114.53	417.48
Tally Ho		32.41		15.00			19.14				32.00	98.55	392.70
West Oxford	90.00						69.00	25.00				184.00	1,107.13
	$3,807.96	$459.61	$135.08	$498.50	$ 58.99	$ 7.50	$2,103.25	$304.41	$ 56.75	$768.54	$552.32	$ 8,752.91	$44,742.78

*Slaughter Fund to Home Missions $37.85. To Foreign Missions $37.85.

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Constitution Flat River Association

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in the respective letters.

Article 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Article 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each meeting and hold their office until a new election. The election of officers shall be at the first session of the Association.

Article 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of churches received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Article 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

Article 6. The Treasurer shall receive funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

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By-Laws

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

10. Any member of a church of this Association may be elected as Moderator, Clerk, or Treasurer whether delegate or not.

PASTORS

M. L. Banister
Paul Childress
Joe B. Currin
W. Barry Garrett
E. W. Greene
E. P. Harris
Paul Hester
C. F. Hudson
L. R. Jordon
C. H. Morris
W. D. Poe
L. J. Rainey
C. A. Upchurch
E. G. Usry
J. M. Walker

MESSENGERS 1942 SESSION

Amis Chapel—
Bethany—
Bullock—
Concord—C. C. Currin, James L. Jolly.
Corinth—G. R. Land, P. C. Blackley, Mrs. E. M. Blackley.
Creedmoor—Mrs. E. E. Mangum, Mrs. J. E. Hester, Miss Margaret Wheeler.
Dexter—
Enon—Sam L. Knott, Mrs. E. T. Yancey, Mrs. Sam L. Knott.
Fellowship—S. A. Cannady, W. T. Whitt, Miss Myrtle Whitaker.
Florence Ave.—Mrs. E. R. Harris.
Grassy Creek—C. D. Winston.
Hester—B. W. Pruitt, Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Fred H. Currin.
Island Creek—
Knapp of Reeds—
Knott's Grove—J. W. Dean, Mrs. J. W. Dean, Mrs. Fielding Knott.
Mountain Creek—
Mt. Harmony—Mrs. L. J. Rainey.
Mt. Zion—
Olive Branch—
Olive Grove—Johnnie Keith, R. C. Perry, Paul Hester.
Oxford—Dr. Ballard Norwood, Mrs. J. S. Beverly, Mrs. W. B. Pittard.
Peace's Chapel—C. M. Gresham.
Pleasant Grove—Ollie Milton.
Poplar Creek—L. F. Boyd, Miss Julia Parrott, Mrs. E. C. Brewer.
Providence—J. N. Watkins.
Rock Grove—Mrs. R. F. Clayton.
Rock Spring—
Aaron—
Stovall—Mrs. W. C. Frazier, George Frazier.
Tabb's Creek—W. M. Brummitt, J. F. Currin, H. W. Currin.
Tally Ho—Harold Stem, Mrs. Harold Stem, Mrs. Oliver Hedgepeth.
West Oxford—

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Forty-Ninth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convenes with Olive Grove Church October 6, 10:00 A. M.

Song—"Crown Him Lord of All."

Prayer by Rev. E. G. Usry.

Song—"This is My Story."

Scripture reading and remarks by Rev. W. D. Poe, Moderator of the past session.

Roll Call of Pastors and Messengers.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. M. L. Banister, Chairman of the Executive Committee is called to the chair and on motion Rev. W. D. Poe is elected Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk and Mr. J. N. Watkins, Treasurer.

Motion made and carried that the suggested program be adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This report is read by Rev. C. F. Hudson.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Christian literature is distinctive in that it is a continuation of the things which "Jesus began both to do and to teach."

Our abundance of Baptist literature is of exceptional importance today as an agency through which public opinion is created, stimulated and sustained.

The Biblical Recorder is the established record of the things Baptists of North

Carolina have begun both to do and to teach for more than one hundred years. It has come to the Kingdom of God for such an hour as this.

Standing on the threshold of its golden opportunity as an organ of creative possibilities the Biblical Recorder by virtue of its genius is capable to match the hour in the construction of a very definite Christian democracy along the essential spiritual lines.

We most heartily commend the Recorder Committee upon its wisdom in the selection of a qualified editor whose scope of understanding of Baptist teaching and scholarly ability which is capable of correct interpretation of the Scriptures. Dr. L. L. Carpenter comes to us with an understanding of our world and the Word of God. We can follow him without question.

We further commend the management of the Recorder and its economic method of distribution through the churches in clubs. All churches should avail themselves of this splendid arrangement.

Charity and Children has a unique position in the hearts of North Carolina Baptists. Its standards of editorial comment have been sustained through the years and no Baptists home is complete without its weekly visitation of vision and virtue. Its management and mission magnify the Lord in a most commendable fashion. Every Sunday School renders a superior service to the community when it distributes Charity and Children to its constituency.

Literature published by the Home Mission Board is worthy of our consideration, especially do we commend the magazine sent out to all areas of the South.

The Commission from the Foreign Mission Board brings tidings and inspiration from afar. The low cost makes it available to every Baptist home.

The Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville brings bundles of religious magazines and tracts to every community in the realms of the Southern Baptist Convention. This splendid contribution to our constituency cannot be over estimated. Your committee commends to you the literature thus made available for your enlightenment, edification and Christian culture.

CHARLES F. HUDSON

ORPHANAGE

This report is read by Rev. E. G. Usry, discussed by Rev. J. M. Walker and Mrs. Clarence Jones. Then adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Every effort to meet the needs of the children who appeal to us for help is being made. An average of fifty applications per month come to us. Sixty seven children have been admitted this year to Mills Home and sixteen into the Kennedy Home. There is now a long waiting list, many of whom are in most distressing circumstances. They can only be admitted as funds come in. At present North Carolina Baptists are caring for 432 children in the Mills Home, 138 in the Kennedy Home, 25 are in boarding homes and 54 in homes with their own mothers.

We anxiously look forward to the time when every one of 2559 Sunday Schools and Churches will send a contribution once each month, so that many more who are so eagerly looking to us for help can be cared for. The children who have been admitted are well cared for, and are supplied with balanced meals. Whole milk, eggs, vegetables and meat are supplied from the farm, through the supervised work of many of the boys. Additional gifts of fruits, vegetables and canned goods come from all parts of North Carolina, which aid in preparing food for these growing young people. Short crops this year caused by lack of rain and higher cost of goods will make the task of feeding our large family more difficult the coming year.

But we believe friends of the orphanage who can will share with us to avert a serious shortage.

E. G. USRY

GENERAL MATTERS

The Moderator appoints the following Committee on Time, Place and Preacher: Rev. E. W. Greene, Mr. Thomas Hobgood, Mr. Fred Currin.

Rev. Joe B. Currin reports for Committee on Attendance. This report is referred to the Program Committee and adopted as information.

The Moderator recognizes Dr. Charlie Leonard, Rev. G. Barry Garrett, Rev. L. R. Jordan and Dr. L. L. Carpenter.

Dr. Carpenter speaks to the Report on Religious Literature. The report is adopted.

MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. is read by Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Past Associational Superintendent. She presents Mrs. Fred Phipps the new superintendent who speaks briefly.

The report is adopted.

REPORT OF THE W. M. U.

I bring to you the 33rd report of organized W. M. U. Work Auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention.

Our annual meeting was held with the Oxford Church, June 18th, 1942. The theme for this meeting, " The Entrance of Thy Word Giveth Light". Mrs. J. S. Farmer, State W. M. U. President was a visiting speaker and brought the message of her heart, "Led In Paths of Light."

A number of boys and girls from the Oxford Church attended the R. A. Camp and G. A. House Party at Meredith College in June. These gave a most interesting and entertaining report. Also Oxford Sunbeams demonstrated in a helpful way, Messengers for Christ.

All Officers were re-elected with the exception of Supt. and Treas. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Fred Phipps—Supt.
Mrs. W. D. Poe, Asst.
Mrs. John Carrington—Sect. & Treas.
Miss Ruby Watkins—Young Peoples Leader.
Mrs. Casper Critcher—Sunbeam Leader.
Mrs. E. J. Greene—Mission Study Chairman.
Mrs. Elbert Wilson—Personal Service.
Mrs. C. L. Meadows—Stewardship.
Mrs. Billy Pittard—Margaret Fund & Tr. School.

The reports given by these chairmen at this meeting, showed some evidence of growth during the past year. As an association we have to admit we are weak in our gifts, but we are glad to report some increase this past year. Our W. M. U. reported $3,539.90 to all objects all last year, this being about a 27 perecent increase

over the previous year.

We made a much larger payment on our debt last year—26 churches are carrying 60 or more memberships in the 100,000 club.

Reports also show gains in organization, yet this has always been the same old story, as many died as were born.

We regret losing the Knapp of Reeds church in camp area. We shall greatly miss these faithful W. M. S. and N. W. A. Bethany has also disbanded, but we trust will reorganize and carry on.

We have nine churches with a W. M. S. but these do not foster any Jr. organizations. We need, greatly, consecrated women who are willing to share and to lead the many fine Sunbeams, G A's, R. A's in our association, not half of our possibilities are enlisted in our organizations.

We are indeed proud to recognize Mt. Zion W. M. U., A I Union.

More societies made the standard this year than last. The quality of our work seems better.

Four group meetings were held in April. Renewed interest seemed to be manifest under the leadership of Mrs. Propus Wilkinson, Mrs. Fielding Knott, Mrs. John Ray Williams and Mrs. Fred H. Daniel.

A conference for young people was conducted in early spring by Miss Mary Currin and Miss Elizabeth Lassiter in cooperation with Miss Ruby Watkins.

A Mission Study Institute was held in Sept. under the capable leadership of Mrs. E. J. Greene.

MRS. STERLING CARRINGTON

The report on State Missions is read by Rev. C. H. Norris.

REPORT STATE MISSIONS

Baptists are now the most powerful and probably the most influential christian group in N. C. About 48 of 100 church members in N. C. are members of Baptist Churches. The people called Baptists are what they are quantitively and qualitively because they have believed some things with fervor and have learned to work together with enthusiasm.

Dr. Livingston Johnson was want to refer to our "Mission Wheel" as "the hub" being State Missions the spokes being Home Missions and the rim Foreign Missions.

During each of the last four years some 40 or 50 fields have been helped and more than 100 of our leading churches in towns and cities have been helped in the past. Dr. Livingston Johnson further states writing in 1914 when there were about two thousand churches in the State, that at least half of these churches were organized by the missionaries of the State Mission Board.

M. A. Huggins states that since 1914 at least half of those organized were organized or have been aided by the Board,—perhaps three-fourths would be a more accurate statement.

In 1830 only one out of 36 white people were Missionary Baptist, now the figures are one out of every five are Baptists.

On our church rolls are 525,000 names. There are at least 800,000 prospects for our Baptist Sunday Schools and eventually for membership in our churches.

The city and town churches that can take care of themselves should do so and our State mission workers should spend their time helping country and village churches.

The camps in the east are a problem and a challenge to us. As the dance is one of the devils agencies of immorality, the soldiers should not be entertained in dance halls; they should be invited to our religious services and we should entertain them socially under the auspices of our churches.

State missionaries and all christians should use our influence to close "beer joints"

and liquor stores in our camp areas, yea we should do our best to close all "beer joints" and liquor stores in this great state and in all this fair land of ours. A. B. C. Stores—"Alcohol Brutalizes Consumers"—Josephus Daniels.

Baptists may give two hundred thousand dollars in N. C. to missions and all phases of Lord's work this year. In July 1942 about one million two hundred thousand dollars was spent for legal liquor store liquor—bootleg liquor an unknown quantity. N. C. when compared to the other 47 states of the union ranks first in homicides, ninth in rape, 13th in auto thefts and 17th in burgularly. What a need for the gospel.

We need to measure our changing state by a changing yardstick. Lets use the "Golden Rule" and not be ruled by gold. We must strengthen the stakes at home if we lengthen the cords abroad." Lets "transform our buying power into giving power."

We have big things to baffle us and difficult problems to solve. Lets meet these with the gospel and Christ throughout our State and move on to victory by His help who has conquered all things for us.

REV. C. H. NORRIS

The report on Home Missions is read by Rev. C. A. Upchurch.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Rev. L. J. Rainey.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

In these troubled times our Foreign Mission Board is still lifting Christ up. The hope of the world lies in the uplifted Christ. There is no remedy for sin save in the blood of Christ. There is no redemption for man apart from Christ. Only Christ, and Him crucified, can redeem and save the world.

The task of Foreign Missions is to preach Christ and make Him Lord in the thoughts and life of all people everywhere. At present our Foreign Mission Board is working in sixteen foreign countries, with a personnel of 415 missionaries in active service. Never before has the gospel been so eagerly received. In Latin America, every door swings wide for the entrance of the gospel. From Mexico to the Straits of Magellan the challenge is great. We should move at once to open work in Peru, Ecuador, and Venezuela.

Our work in Nigeria, Africa is suffering from a lack of missionaries. In Europe and the Near East the work is haulted for the duration, but when the war closes, our work in both Europe and the Near East must be completely reorganized and reinforced. Out of the ruins and shambles of Europe will come the cry of lost millions; and we must be ready to answer that call.

In the Orient, especially China, our opportunity for witnessing for Christ was never better. When the war shall have ended, there will be waiting in China, Japan and Korea such an opportunity for preaching the gospel as Christians have not known since Pentecost.

To carry on the great work of lifting Christ up to other nations, our foreign mission board is in need of its share of the tithes and offerings from every Christian in every church. It needs more consecrated missionaries. "The Harvest indeed is plenteous, but the Laborers are few," and the storehouse is empty because men and women have robbed God.

L. J. RAINEY

These reports are discussed by the authors, Mr. D. M. Branch and Dr. Leonard, then adopted.

Song—"Rescue the Perishing."

Remarks by Rev. M. L. Banister.

The Moderator appoints the following Committee on Resolution: Rev. E. R. Harris, Mr. Harold Stem, Mr. J. H. Perry.

Committee to write up a summary of appreciation for the work of Mrs. Sterling Carrington: Mrs. Fielding Knott, Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Mrs. J. S. Beverly.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Joe B. Currin.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song—"Stand up for Jesus." Prayer by Mr. J. T. Blackwell. Song—"Marching to Zion."

The Moderator recognizes Mr. William Clark of Mt. Zion Association.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

This report is read by Rev. M. L. Banister, discussed by him and Rev. Joe B. Currin, then adopted.

REPORT ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Co-operative Program was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1926, and has been approved by all of the eighteen states in the Convention. After these sixteen years of experience with the Program, it has proved to be the best plan Southern Baptists have ever tried.

1. The Program is all-inclusive. It includes every agency and board sponsored by the state and Southern Conventions-Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Christian Education, Ministerial Relief and Hospital.
2. The Co-operative Program is Scriptural. Both Old and New Testaments teach co-operation. It is only by co-operation that the Great Commission can be fulfilled of giving the gospel to all the people of the world.
3. The Co-operative Program is impartial. Every Agency and Board gets its part of the gifts from the local churches that are sent to the State Secretaries, who keep a certain portion for State objects, and the remainder sent to the Different Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for Southwide and Worldwide causes. It guarantees each institution its portion that has been pro-rated to it according to its need.
4. The Co-operative Prgoram is economical. It eliminates much overhead expense that would be incurred if each Agency and Board functioned independently.
5. Co-operative Program is democratic. It includes the small church as well as the large, and the small gift as well as the large.
6. The Co-operative Program is educational. It informs the members of each church about the work of all of the Institutions and Boards.
7. The Co-operative Program enables the individual Christian to cultivate the grace of giving to every phase of the Kingdom of God.

Every church is urged to co-operate in this worthy plan.

M. L. BANISTER

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The report is read by Mr. B. D. Bunn, is discussed by him, Mr. Perry and Mr. Sam L. Knott, then adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday Schools of the Flat River Association, during the last several years, have really been marking time. According to all reports over a period of years, about 40 percent, on the average, of our church membership is enrolled in Sunday School.

When we take into consideration the large area covered by this association and the thousands of souls not receiving any religious training we who, are charged with leadership, in this dangerous but great day should be concerned enough to try personal contact in the following ways.

Among these decidedly more worthwhile things are increased enrollment, enlistment, better selection of teachers, Teacher Training, and evangelism. If the recent lamentable experiences in the world of finances and economics will serve to bring us back to a proper consideration of these, the really vital things in Sunday School work, we may well have occasion to rejoice.

It is not necessary for the purposes of this report to stress again the prime importance of Sunday School work. Increased attendance and enlarged usefulness on the part of Sunday Schools throughout our Association and throughout the entire land bear eloquent testimony to the increasingly important part that the Sunday School plays in our religious life. Even in these depressing and frequently tragic days, Sunday School attendance and interest in its work have continued unabated. Problems seemingly insuperable and discouragements beyond number have at times almost overwhelmed us. The shackles of debt in our church organizations have made progress slow and painful, but through it all our spirits have been kept high and undaunted by the fine enthusiasm of our great host of Sunday School leaders and teachers. If we can but keep the emphasis on the really worthwhile thing in our organized Sunday School work, we need not despair or even lose heart. On the contrary, we may throw out a new challenge and set sail for new conquests.

B. D. BUNN

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The report is read by Rev. J. M. Walker, is discussed by Mr. Basil Watkins and adopted.

Motion is made to amend the report (i. e.) going on record as favoring the action of the Trustees of Wake Forest College. Motion is made to table amendment and is carried.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We can find the statistical information relating to our colleges in our State Annual, but allow me to skin over some high lights of our colleges for the last year. I received letters from the presidents of Meredith, Campbell, Mars Hill, Chowan, and Wake Forest. These letters all had words of hope and encouragement and victory. Meredith reports a good year financially, a good student body, a strong faculty. Indeed, the name Meredith has come to suggest to our minds the best for girls. Both Mars Hill and Campbell report good years. Mars Hill has come to be known, and rightfully, also one of the great junior colleges of the South with an enrollment more than

800. Campbell, her sister, has reported acceptance into the Southern Association of colleges and secondary schools, which is the highest accrediting association in the South. Every room is full, and students are staying in private homes. There is a great need for a boys dormitory, a girls dormitory, an infirmary, and also additional endowment. A fine Christian spirit seems to motivate the work of the president and the faculty as they seek to serve Christ, her student body, and the Baptist of North Carolina. We are also happy to observe that Chowan College is not dead. A good year is reported with some $10,000 worth of physical improvements. Last but not least is the school that has been a part of North Carolina Baptists since their organization as a convention — Wake Forest College. Probably it has served the state with leadership as no other college in our Baptist ranks. We find that Wake Forest reports a good year on the whole. She had and has a large student body. One change occurred. Now, in the Junior-Senior levels, girls are admitted to the college. The most significant thing for us to be emphasizing at the moment about Wake Forest, it appears, is the fact that she continues to train a large number of our preachers, 237 at present, and she is building a chapel. The chapel was begun before the war. We are in the midst of building. Surely, every Baptist in N. C., will want to have a part in putting a building in the center of the campus of his school to honor Jesus Christ. The work moves on as the money comes in. Let us support this, and build while the Lord blesses us with money.

J. M. WALKER

HOSPITALS

This report is read by Rev. G. Barry Garrett, is discussed by him and Mr. Smith Hagerman, then adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Last year marked the greatest building program of North Carolina Baptists in connection with the Hospital. Both the addition to the Hospital and the Medical Building have been completed. The School of Medicine is not a separate institution, but is a department of Wake Forest College, owned and operated by the College as always. The Medical School opened Sept. 10, 1941 with a staff of more than 20 professors of reputation, with a large number of assistants.

The Hospital is being furnished and equipped with the most modern appliances in every department. We have added more than $42,000 worth of new X-ray equipment alone. All other departments have been equally provided for. The Hospital now has 300 beds, enabling us to provide treatment for 10,000 patients annually. We have a staff of 100 doctors, all specialists in their several fields. We have at our service the entire staff of the Medical School at any time needed.

The Hospital has a well conducted Training School for Nurses, with an enrollment last year of 71. This will be increased from time to time.

The addition to the Hospital building, including fixtures and furniture, cost approximately $600,000—the Medical Building approximately $425,000. The Duke Foundation gave $150,000 on the Hospital. The Hospital and Medical School properties are worth approximately $2,000,000.

The spiritual side of the Hospitals service is always stressed. There is a full time pastor who ministers to the patients and their families, and who serves the Staff of the Hospital, and who teaches a course of Bible study in the Nurses Training School.

The Hospital must look to the Mother's Day offering and other freewill donations for its support in providing treatment for its ever increasing number of free patients. The various organizations of our women and young people are rendering a vast

service to the Hospital in supplying linens of all kinds—such as sheet, pillow cases, towels, washcloths, etc.

W. BARRY GARRETT

Rev. E. R. Harris reads a report on Hospital Room Furniture Fund. The report is adopted.

REPORT ON HOSPITAL ROOM FURNITURE FUND

At the last Association, Moderator W. D. Poe, appointed me to raise $150.00 to furnish one of the new rooms at the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem. I contacted and Pastors and Churches, mostly by mail. The response was most gratifying. Twenty-seven of the churches sent amounts as follows:

Olive Branch	$ 8.00	West Oxford	10.00
Peaces Chapel	10.00	Olive Grove	5.00
Tabb's Creek	5.00	Amis Chapel	5.00
Corinth	6.00	Grassy Creek	5.00
Rock Grove	10.00	Sharon	5.00
Enon	10.00	Poplar Creek	4.00
Hester	10.00	Concord	5.00
Pleasant Grove	6.30	Bethany	8.00
Providence	5.00	Knott's Grove	6.36
Oxford First	10.00	Bullock	5.00
Florence Ave.	5.00	Stovall	7.50
Mountain Creek	11.01	Island Creek	5.00
Knap of Reeds	6.00		
Mt. Zion	5.00	Making a Total of	$183.23
Creedmoor	5.00		

I want to express my appreciation to the churches for their hearty response, and to say that after confering with the Moderator and others we decided to give the amount over $150.00 which was $33.23 to the Mothers Day Fund to be used for Charity Patients.

EDWIN R. HARRIS

Motion is made and carried to accept Rev. M. M. Turner's report on Temperance and Public Morals and the time given to Mr. Hagerman.

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

The two greatest challenges to the church today are War and Liquor. The existence of war proves that the church has not achieved her mission as yet. Political and social domination by liquor not only proves we have not Christianized our social life but challenges the effectiveness of the church and threatens her very existence. It has been truthfully said, THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC WOULD DESTROY THE CHURCH, IF IT COULD; THE CHURCH COULD DESTROY THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC, IF IT WOULD.

Sentiment against liquor is stronger in North Carolina today than it has been at any time during the last ten years. The intolerable conditions created by Repeal and the tragedies created by the present World War have increased greatly the necessity for eliminating liquor and have increased the effectiveness of our efforts against liquor. Because of these facts, this is the opportune time to increase our efforts. In fact, during the last nine months, we have increased greatly our activities and our projects, as evidenced by the following:

We have more than doubled the distribution of literature; more than twice as many papers will print our articles than would print them last year; practically every Sunday, we have a Temperance Field Day in one or more Counties, with temperance speakers in anywhere from 25 to 75 Churches in each respective County; each year our Field Representatives and other speakers reach approximately 50,000 boys and girls in our Public Schools; we have exerted every possible effort in behalf of the nomination and election of Drys to the General Assembly. Also, in all of our projects, we endeavor to increase support for law enforcement.

Through self-abandonment in pleasure or in business, every day multitudes of folks are landing in destruction. There are just two kinds of people in the world: (1) those who are living for God, and others, (2) those who are living alone for self. The latter are bound, eventually, to be ambushed and destroyed. Would you judge the lawfulness or the unlawfulness of a pleasure, take this rule; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind; whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things,—that thing to you is sin.

Warnings, ample, there have always been for man and for armies, with reference to the pitfalls and dangers, but there has been too little need.

M. M. TURNER

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

This report is read by Rev. E. R. Harris and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The Relief and Annuity Board has entered upon the Twenty-fifth year of its life and work and is planning to celebrate its silver anniversary next May when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Memphis.

During this period it has made a great record of service and growth. Its assets grew from a little over $100,000 at the end of its first year of operation to approximately five and a half million dollars by the end of the year 1941. Its income during the year 1941 was $1,147,678.84, while its expenditures in Relief and Annuity benefits amounted to more than one-half million dollars.

The Board is serving through its Relief Department and its several Annuity plans more than 10,000 ministers, missionaries, denominational workers and widows of ministers. Two thousand five hundred of these are already receiving benefits from the Board.

A host of our Southern Baptist pastors, together with their churches are participating in the Ministers Retirement Plan. The number of preachers participating in this plan is rapidly approaching 6,000 and the number of churches cooperating is approximately 8,000.

There are many pastors and churches in the Southern Baptist Convention who are not cooperating in this plan. Most of them would if the matter was put clearly before them. The Churches love their pastors and want to properly provide for them, and at the same time relieve what might become an embarrassing situation to themselves. The young pastors will surely become old, or sick and incapacitated for work. They should provide against such exegencies. The young men should get in now so as to build up the necessary reserve for retirement at age of 65 or earlier forced retirement, by permanent disability. I quote, "Our preachers need have no anxious care; the provision will be a worthy one."

E. R. HARRIS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Fielding Knott read the report of Appreciation Committee.

Resolved that the thanks of this Association be extended to the visiting speakers for the splendid way in which they have presented the subjects to which they have spoken; also to this church and the community for the cordial and sumptuous way they have entertained the Association.

J. H. PERRY
HAROLD STEM
E. R. HARRIS

REPORT OF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the members of the Flat River Association desire to express our profound appreciation of Mrs. Sterling Carrington, our beloved W. M. U. Superintendent from the year 1933 to 1942.

Those years speak for themselves as to her faithfulness to W. M. U. work. She has been a true, consecrated, loyal follower of Christ, being constant these many years through the trials and difficulties which faces one in this office.

We wish especially to express our appreciation to Mrs. Carrington for the helpfulness and many kindnesses she has shown her fellow workers. We never found her too busy with her own affairs to help some one in trouble who called upon her.

We are grateful to Mrs. Carrington for the tremendous progress our W. M. U. has made under her leadership.

Through such faithful and courageous followers of Christ as Mrs. Carrington we would love for the world to form their impression of Christians.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FIELDING KNOTT, *Chairman*
MRS. W. B. PITTARD
MRS. J. S. BEVERLY

Motion is made and carried to pay the Clerk the usual salary.

The report of the Treasurer is read by Mr. John N. Watkins.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Collected at the Association		$125.50
Paid Clerk	$ 35.00	
Printing Minutes	80.00	
Mailing	2.20	
Paid Mr. Banister	6.20	
	$123.40	$123.40
		$ 2.10
Balance on hand brought over from 1941		$ 72.30
Total in Treasurer's hands		$ 74.40

J. A. WATKINS, *Treasurer*

Rev. E. W. Greene read the report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—October 5, 1943.
Place—Hester.
Preacher—Rev. J. M. Walker.

REV. E. W. GREENE
THOMAS HOBGOOD
FRED H. CURRIN
Committee

Remarks by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and Rev. C. H. Norris.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members at Large—

Rev. M. L. Banister—Oxford
Mrs. W. K. Wood—Creedmoor
Mr. W. H. Upchurch—Oxford
Mr. F. W. Hancock, Sr.—Oxford
Mr. Thomas Hobgood—Oxford, Route 1
Mrs. Edith Fagan Cannady—Oxford
Moderator, Clerk—(Exofficio Members)

Churches—

Amis Chapel—Mr. R. M. Smart, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2
Bethany—Mr. D. M. Cash, Rougemont, Rt. 1
Bullock—Mr. Francis Davis, Bullock
Concord—Mr. R. W. Currin, Northside
Corinth—Mr. G. W. Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2
Creedmoor—Mr. R. H. Rogers, Creedmoor
Dexter—Mr. E. B. Green, Oxford, Rt. 5
Enon—Mr. Sam L. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1
Fellowship—Mr. T. L. O'Briant, Durham
Florence Ave.—Mr. S. M. Torian, Virgilina, Va.
Grassy Creek—Mr. J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.
Hester—Mr. A. B. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2
Island Creek—Mr. Lewis Shanks, Oxford, Rt. 5
Knapp of Reeds—Mr. Armed Tilley, Bahama
Knott's Grove—Mr. John Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2
Mt. Creek—Mr. R. L. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4
Mt. Harmony—Mr. L. P. Sherman, Rougemont, Rt. 1
Mt. Zion—Rev. E. D. Gooch, Oxford Rt. 1
Olive Branch—Mr. Mack Gentry, Roxboro
Olive Grove—Mr. John Emory, Northside
Oxford—Mr. C. O. Mainor, Oxford
Peace's Chapel—Rev. W. S. West, Oxford, Rt. 3
Pleasant Grove—Mr. Macy Newton, Hester, Rt.
Poplar Creek—Mr. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4
Providence—Mr. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2
Rock Grove—Mrs. S. T. Slaughter, Roxboro
Rock Spring—Mr. E. J. Knott, Clarksville, Va.
Sharon—Mr. W. A. Sherman, Oxford, Rt. 1
Stovall—Mr. J. B. Pittard, Stovall

Tabb's Creek—Mr. H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 3
Tally Ho—Mr. Harold Stem, Stem, Rt.
West Oxford—Mr. Lester Oakley, Oxford

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1943

W. M. U. Work—Mrs. Fred Phipps

Religious Literature

Annual Sermon—Rev. J. M. Walker
Digest of Church Letters—Sam A. Howard

Missions:

State—Rev. E. W. Greene
Home—Rev. L. R. Jordan
Foreign—Rev. Joe B. Currin
Co-operative Program—Rev. M. L. Banister
Young Peoples Work—Rev. J. M. Walker
Relief and Annuity Board—Rev. Paul Hester
Baptist Hospital—Rev. L. J. Rainey
Sunday Schools—Rev. E. R. Harris
Christian Education—Mr. B. D. Bunn
Christian Citizenship—Rev. E. G. Usry
N. C. Baptist Orphanage—Rev. C. H. Norris
Report of Executive Committee—Rev. M. L. Banister
Report on Obituaries—Mrs. C. N. Hobgood

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

Amis Chapel—Mr. J. C. Harris, Mrs. Narcissis Vaughan.
Bullock—Mr. R. M. Pittard.
Concord—Mr. Gresham Daniel.
Creedmoor—Mrs. John Chappell.
Dexter—Mr. Richard Faucette.
Enon—Mr. N. R. Baird, Mrs. A. G. Critcher.
Fellowship—Mrs. J. H. Perry.
Florence Ave.—Mr. W. H. Lea, Rev. J. H. Gordon.
Hester—Mr. Stephen Beasley, Mr. J. T. Clark, Mr. Burley Hobgood
Grassy Creek—Miss Sallie Satterwhite, Mrs. Kearson, Mrs. Ola Williams.
Knapp of Reeds—Mr. Lawrence Wheeler.
Knott's Grove—Mrs. L. A. Matthews.
Mountain Creek—Mrs. Graham Currin.
Mt. Harmony—Mrs. G. N. Oakley.
Mt. Zion—Mrs. Sam H. Jones.
Olive Branch—Mr. W. H. Dixon, Mr. Andrew Young, Mr. Charlie Stovall.
Oxford—Mr. H. J. Council.
Peace's Chapel—Mrs. Ida Howell, Mr. J. P. Tunstall.
Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Mary Lawrence, Mr. W. G. Sanderford.
Providence—Mrs. F. H. Currin, Mrs. W. E. Mayes, Mr. J. P. Bratcher.
Sharon—Mr. Nat Denny.
Stovall—Mr. T. T. Cutts, Deacon J. E. Grissom, Mr. Mitchell Munn.

Tabb's Creek—Mr. H. L. Boyd, Mr. N. E. Perry, Mrs. Carey Parham.
Tally Ho—Mrs. J. M. Bullock.
West Oxford—Mr. John A. James, Mrs. A. D. Oakley, Deacon R. W. Boyd

MRS. JOHN EMORY, *Committee.*

Dismissal prayer by Rev. E. R. Harris.

The Association adjourns.

REV. W. D. POE, *Moderator*
SAM A. HOWARD, *Clerk*

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION YEAR ENDING

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City or County?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP								Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
						Gains				Losses							
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Erasures	Deaths				
Amis Chapel	C	1879	W. Barry Garrett, Oxford	1-3	237	8	3	1	____	3	____	____	2	244	1	4	12
Bethany	C	____	C. F. Hudson, Durham	2	119	____	____	____	____	2	____	____	____	117	1	1	____
Bullock	V	1904	J. M. Walker, Stovall	1-3	149	4	1	____	____	2	____	____	1	151	1	4	12
Concord	C	____	E. G. Usry, Oxford	2	144	____	____	____	____	3	____	____	1	140	1	1	____
Corinth	C	____	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	1-3	190	____	____	____	____	9	____	____	____	181	1	2	____
Creedmoor	T	1895	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	1-2-4	198	5	6	2	____	2	____	____	1	206	1	2	5
Dexter	V	1906	E. W. Greene, Henderson, R 4	2-4	252	6	14	____	____	4	____	____	____	268	2	2	?
Enon	C	1875	W. D. Poe, Oxford	1-3	397	2	3	____	____	9	____	____	2	391	1	2	18
Fellowship	C	1840	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	2-4	205	____	____	____	____	4	____	____	1	200	1	____	5
Florence Ave.	V	____	E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1-3	141	____	1	____	____	4	____	____	2	134	1	4	7
Grassy Creek	C	1757	W. Barry Garrett, Oxford	2-4	350	31	3	____	4	3	____	____	____	385	1	3	5
Hester	C	1823	W. D. Poe, Oxford	2-4	456	4	1	____	____	5	____	____	3	453	1	2	20
Island Creek	C	____	J. M. Walker, Stovall	1-3	481	3	5	____	____	1	____	____	4	485	1	2	12
Knapp of Reeds	V	____	Paul Childres, Zebulon	4	161	____	____	____	12	120	____	____	1	52	____	2	____
Knott's Grove	C	1901	W. D. Poe, Oxford	2-4	77	____	____	____	____	3	____	____	1	73	1	2	3
Mountain Creek	C	1860	W. Barry Garrett, Oxford	1-3	439	13	8	____	____	9	1	____	1	449	____	3	8
Mt. Harmony	C	____	L. J. Rainey, Durham	1-3	198	10	2	____	____	1	____	____	1	208	1	4	2
Mt. Zion	V	____	L .J. Rainey, Durham	1-3	231	5	4	____	____	5	____	____	1	234	____	____	8
Olive Branch	C	____	Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	2-4	295	10	____	____	____	6	____	8	3	288	1	2	12
Olive Grove	C	____	Paul Hester, Neuse, R 1	1-3	230	2	____	____	____	3	____	____	1	228	1	4	4
Oxford	T	1848	M. L. Banister, Oxford	Every	1,110	38	28	____	____	46	____	20	1	1,109	____	4	53
Peace's Chapel	C	1887	E. G. Usry, Oxford	4	343	7	2	____	____	8	2	____	____	342	1	2	14
Pleasant Grove	C	1858	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	2-4	216	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	2	214	1	____	____
Poplar Creek	C	____	W. D. Poe, Oxford	1-3	89	____	1	____	____	____	____	____	____	90	1	____	5
Providence	V	1907	J. M. Walker, Stovall	2-4	249	14	5	____	____	8	____	____	3	257	1	4	6
Rock Grove	C	1906	Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	1-3	148	6	3	____	1	____	____	____	____	158	1	2	____
Rock Spring	C	1886		1-3	299	8	1	____	____	3	____	____	3	301	1	2	6
Sharon	C	1896	E. G. Usry, Oxford	1	205	14	1	____	____	2	____	____	1	217	1	2	1
Stovall	V	1886	J. M. Walker, Stovall	2-4	527	29	8	____	____	7	____	____	3	554	1	4	25
Tabb's Creek	C	____	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	3	149	10	5	____	____	1	____	____	3	160	1	4	____
Tally Ho	C	____		2-4	229	12	7	____	____	1	____	____	1	246	1	3	____
West Oxford	V	1912	E. G. Usry, Oxford	Every	153	19	16	____	2	4	____	____	3	183	1	4	1
					8,404	260	128	3	19	278	3	28	46	8,718	29	77	244

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOLS FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1942.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT										Special Information				V.B.S.	
		Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Extension Department	General and Dept. Officers	Total Including Officers Teachers and Pupils	What Is Your Average Attendance?	Baptisms From Sunday School	Is the School Graded?	Teachers Holding Diplomas	Enrollment Vacation School	Average Attendance
Amis Chapel	S. A. Harris, Virgilina, Va. R. 2	8	16	9	18	13	28	34		7	123	70	8	Yes	2		
Bethany																	
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock			6	7	15	13	28		11	80	55	4	Yes			
Concord	James F. Jolly, Creedmoor			12	14		20	13			59	25					
Corinth	R. F. Currin, Oxford		6	5	9	8	10	17			55	35					
Creedmoor	J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor		21	16	25	12	39	38		4	155	91					
Dexter	Badger Hicks, Oxford, R. 5											51					
Enon	Sam L. Knott, Oxford, R. 1	10	12	10	34	34	59	73		10	232	126	2	Yes			
Fellowship	W. S. Hobgood, Creedmoor	7	12	18	17	13	21	27			115	75					
Florence Ave.	F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.	6	8	10	8	7	25	30			94	50					
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.		23	28	27	36	36	90			240	132	25				
Hester	J. B. Badgett, Oxford	8	14	25	23	40	30	40		12	242	140	4				
Island Creek	Herman Sneed, Henderson, R. 3		11	11	33	34	35	94		13	231	80	3	Yes			
Knapp of Reeds	R. J. Waller, Bahama	3	3	6	6	2	25	24			69						
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, R. 2											24					
Mountain Creek	John S. Watkins, Oxford, R. 4	6	10	14	23	31	40	59		4	187	72		Yes			
Mt. Harmony	C. R. Sherman, Timberlake, R. 1		12	14	22	14	30	40			132	78	6	Yes	3		
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, R. 1	12	12	15	30	26	25	78			198	76	5				
Olive Branch	Fenton Clark, Virgilina, Va.		18	32	16	29	27	32		2	156	50	9	Yes			
Olive Grove	J. M. Emory, Northside		6	7		8	20	5		2	85	46	2				
Oxford	Dr. Ballard Norwood, Oxford	34	46	69	85	73	40	186	53	3	586	373	38	Yes		109	96
Peace's Chapel	George Gresham, Kittrell, R. 2	4	5	15	20	16	39	45			144	71	5	Yes			
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Smith, Creedmoor			15	12	15	18	30			90	45					
Poplar Creek	H. B. Parrott, Jr., Henderson, R. 4		9	6	6	6	15	8			50	33					
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Oxford		10	7	16	20	45	35			133	70		Yes			
Rock Grove	M. M. Hicks, Roxboro		10		15	20	15	35		2	97	55	6	Yes			
Rock Spring	W. H. Greene, Clarksville, Va. R. 1		6	6	10	20	22	17		8	89	39					
Sharon	Fred Elliott, Oxford, R. 1	26	10	6	16	8	30	27			123	49	12	Yes			
Stovall	E. R. Perry, Stovall		20	27	52	38	37	90		18	282	150	28	Yes			
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, R. 3		12		9	34		28		10	93	60	10				
Tally Ho	Harold Stem, Stem					12	7	12			31	31			3		
West Oxford	D. E. Long, Oxford	8	6	31	30	61	80	46	12	4	278	118	18	Yes			
		132	318	420	583	645	831	1281	65	110	4449		185	14	8	109	96

TABLE III. BAPTIST TRAINING UNION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	DIRECTOR OF TRAINING UNION AND POST OFFICE	BAPTIST TRAINING UNION (B.Y.P.U.'s and B.A.U.'s																
		Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions and Story Hours	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Enrolled Unions and Story Hours	Total Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions	Students in College from Your Church	Number General and Departmental Officers
Amis Chapel	Woodis L. Vaughan, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1	1	----	4	15	12	10	12	----	49	10	----	----	3	----
Corinth	Mrs. R. F. Currin, Oxford	----	1	----	----	----	1	----	25	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	3	----
Creedmoor	Marsh Davis, Creedmoor	1	1	1	----	----	3	15	25	15	----	----	55	12	----	----	1	----
Mountain Creek	R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1	----	1	1	1	4	24	----	30	15	15	84	29	30	84	6	12
Oxford	Mrs. T. O. Mullins, Oxford	2	1	2	2	----	7	17	15	30	25	----	87	54	53	87	17	----
Pleasant Grove	Miss Nannie Mae Smith, Creedmoor	1	----	----	----	----	1	25	----	----	----	----	25	12	----	----	----	----
Providence	R. N. Watkins, Oxford, R 2	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	18	----	----	----	1	----
Stovall	Thos. Allgood, Oxford, R. 5	1	1	----	1	1	4	12	26	----	16	6	70	10	----	----	----	----
		7	5	5	5	2	24	108	103	85	68	21	388	127	83	171	31	12

TABLE IV. W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	W. M. U. WORK														
		No. W. M. S.	No. Y.W.A.'s	No. G.A.'s	No. R.A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Total W. M. U.	W.M.S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Total Enrolled in Mission Study Courses	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W.M.U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W.M.U.
Amis Chapel	Mrs. W. L. Clark, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	1	1	1	---	1	4	31	18	10	---	14	73	---	$ 28.11	$ 169.75
Bethany	Mrs. Alpha Day, Rougemont	1	---	---	---	---	1	14	---	---	---	---	14	---	---	3.56
Bullock	Mrs. R. A. Davis, Bullock	1	1	---	---	---	2	13	15	---	---	---	28	8	10.00	30.50
Corinth	Mrs. F. H. Averette, Oxford	1	---	---	---	---	1	16	---	---	---	---	---	11	---	62.94
Creedmoor	Mrs. C. J. Mangum, Creedmoor	1	---	1	1	1	4	20	---	12	8	27	67	9	---	105.10
Dexter	Mrs. E. J. Greene, Oxford, R 5	1	1	---	1	1	4	22	20	---	15	5	62	62	106.42	223.91
Enon	Mrs. W. D. Poe, Oxford	1	1	1	---	1	4	36	12	16	---	20	84	62	---	173.86
Florence Ave.	Mrs. E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	---	---	1	3	12	15	---	---	15	42	18	---	79.00
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Conway Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1	---	1	---	1	3	23	---	14	---	12	49	24	---	132.38
Hester	Mrs. W. D. Poe, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	32	25	20	12	20	119	25	---	---
Island Creek	Mrs. L. J. Shanks, Oxford, R. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	38	20	8	10	9	85	27	---	150.16
Knott's Grove	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	15	---	---	---	---	15	10	---	42.87
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Baird Stovall, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1	---	1	4	39	11	16	---	20	86	15	---	74.40
Mt. Harmony	Miss Lelia Peed, Rougemont, R. 1	1	---	---	---	---	1	12	---	---	---	---	12	---	---	35.00
Mt. Zion	Miss Viola Jones, Oxford, R. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	44	27	18	10	25	124	68	452.99	194.94
Olive Branch	Mrs. Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	1	1	1	---	1	4	16	12	11	---	35	74	25	65.31	69.56
Oxford	Mrs. S. M. Cutts, Oxford	1	1	2	1	1	6	167	16	41	19	98	341	168	4,598.90	1,508.15
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Jinnie Walters, Oxford, R. 3	1	---	---	---	---	1	14	---	---	---	---	14	---	---	---
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. M. W. Newton, Creedmoor	1	---	---	---	---	1	10	---	---	---	---	10	---	19.00	8.07
Poplar Creek	Miss Julia Parrott, Henderson, R. 4	1	---	---	---	---	1	22	---	---	---	---	22	12	6.40	14.00
Providence	Mrs. R. N. Watkins, Oxford, R. 2	1	---	1	1	1	4	34	---	6	7	20	67	---	3.31	123.33
Rock Grove	Mrs. M. H. Hicks, Roxboro, R. 2	1	1	1	---	1	4	10	15	18	---	15	58	---	7.00	14.50
Rock Spring	Mrs. Bailey Matthews, Clarksville, Va.	1	---	---	---	---	1	25	---	---	---	---	25	20	---	44.95
Sharon	Mrs. John R. Williams, Oxford, R. 4	1	---	---	---	1	2	34	---	---	---	26	60	41	12.39	24.92
Stovall	Mrs. U. P. Cutts, Stovall	1	1	1	1	1	5	25	12	17	32	35	121	44	35.15	230.72
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. C. J. Critcher, Oxford, R. 5	1	---	1	1	1	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	53.35
West Oxford	Mrs. W. H. Long, Oxford	1	---	---	---	1	2	22	---	---	---	25	47	---	8.95	17.30
		27	13	15	9	18	82	746	218	207	113	421	1,699	649	$5,353.93	$3,587.22

TABLE V. CHURCH PROPERTY OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1942

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	No. of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Indebtedness on All Church Property	Insurance Carried
Amis Chapel	E. D. Frazier, Virgilina, Va. R. 2	Yes	1885	W	$ 300	1	____	____	$ 3,000	$	$ 3,000	$	$
Bethany	A. M. Tilley, Rougemont	Yes	1883	W	300	1	____	____	1,400	____	1,400	____	____
Bullock	F. E. Davis, Bullock	Yes	1805	W	300	13	2	12	9,000	775	9,775	65.17	4,000
Concord	C. C. Currin, Northside	Yes	1929	B	250	1	____	____	1,500	____	1,500	____	____
Corinth	G. C. Land, Oxford	Yes	1927	B-W	400	5	____	4	8,000	____	8,000	____	____
Creedmoor	Mrs. Fred Fleming, Creedmoor	Yes	1895	W	400	10	1	10	6,615	____	6,615	____	3,000
Dexter	E. J. Greene, Oxford, R. 5	Yes	1906	W	250	1	____	____	2,000	____	2,000	____	800
Enon	G. A. Greene, Oxford, R. 1	Yes	1917	W	500	10	4	10	8,000	2000	10,000	____	5,750
Fellowship	W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor	Yes	1922	W	500	8	1	7	8,000	____	8,000	____	____
Florence Ave.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	Yes	1891	W	450	3	____	2	3,000	6,000	9,000	____	7,000
Grassy Creek	C. D. Winston, Nelson, Va.	Yes	1936	B-V	600	13	2	10	18,000	____	18,000	____	5,100
Hester	C. N. Hobgood, Oxford, R. 4	Yes	1918	B-V	500	8	____	9	12,000	3,000	15,000	____	7,500
Island Creek	G. W. Norwood, Henderson, R. 3	Yes	1911	W	500	1	____	____	4,000	1,065	5,065	____	2,175
Knapp of Reeds	Armed Tilley, Bahama	Yes	1901	W	300	1	____	10	6,000	____	6,000	____	3,500
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, R. 2	Yes	1902	W	250	1	____	____	2,500	____	2,500	____	1,800
Mountain Creek	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, R. 4	Yes	1918	B-V	500	8	____	7	10,000	____	10,000	____	1,500
Mt. Harmony	J. R. Jones, Timberlake, R. 1	Yes	1938	W	400	8	____	8	7,000	____	7,000	____	1,500
Mt. Zion	N. J. Jones, Oxford, R. 1	Yes	1892	B	500	1	____	____	8,000	____	8,000	____	____
Olive Branch	Clyde Powell, Virgilina, Va.	Yes	1826	W	500	____	____	____	4,000	____	4,000	____	____
Olive Grove	R. C. Penny, Northside	Yes	1929	B-V	500	10	____	10	10,000	____	10,800	____	____
Oxford	Miss Dorothy Royster, Oxford	Yes	1927	B-S	800	58	7	47	140,000	12,000	160,000	40,500	69,000
Peace's Chapel	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, R. 2	Yes	1890	W	400	8	____	8	3,000	____	3,000	____	1,800
Pleasant Grove	W. H. Fuller, Creedmoor	Yes	____	W	500	1	____	____	2,000	____	2,000	____	1,000
Poplar Creek	Mrs. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, R. 4	Yes	1863	W	400	1	____	____	3,200	____	3,200	____	____
Providence	J. T. Watkins, Oxford	Yes	1907	W	500	5	____	4	3,500	____	3,500	____	1,800
Rock Grove	M. O. Yarboro, Roxboro	Yes	1905	W	300	5	____	5	2,000	____	2,200	____	1,400
Rock Spring	Russell Greene, Carksville, Va.	Yes	1886	W	500	6	____	5	3,000	____	3,000	____	2,500
Sharon	R. S. Greenway, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	Yes	1938	W	275	5	____	4	3,200	____	3,200	____	2,000
Stovall	Marrow Stovall, Stovall	Yes	1928	B-W	500	14	____	12	18,800	1,072	19,872	____	8,000
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, R. 3	Yes	1906	W	300	1	____	____	1,760	____	1,760	____	1,500
Tally Ho	James Wilkins, Stem	Yes	____	V	300	1	____	____	1,500	____	1,500	____	1,000
West Oxford	D. E. Long, Oxford	Yes	1912	W	350	11	____	11	6,000	____	6,000	____	1,750
					$13,325	220	17	195	$319,975	$ 25,912	$354,887	$40,565.17	$135,375

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1942

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH										
		Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for S. S. and B. Y. P. U and W. M. S.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations
Amis Chapel	A. R. Frazier, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	$ 335.00	$	$ 123.72	$ 15.00	$	$ 45.50	$ 57.02	$ 10.02	$ 3.13	$ 52.11	$ 641.50
Bethany	D. M. Cash, Rougemont	200.00					16.50			3.00		219.50
Bullock	C. G. Royster, Bullock	459.12		67.49	652.50		108.02	47.80		3.00		1,337.93
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	250.00		50.00			25.00	10.00		2.00	5.00	342.00
Corinth	G. C. Land, Oxford	250.00		40.40			12.50	30.00		4.25		337.15
Creedmoor	William Rogers, Creedmoor	420.00	77.50	5.00	620.00		147.00	131.64		5.00		1,406.14
Dexter	J. T. Greene, Oxford, R. 5	285.00		52.31			9.00	48.00	10.00	3.00	31.95	439.36
Enon	J. T. Yancey, Oxford, R. 3	1,000.00		60.00	96.75		226.16	100.88		5.00	55.52	1,544.31
Fellowship	Alvace Whitaker, Creedmoor	350.00	53.00	47.60			48.05	61.49		5.00	8.63	573.77
Florence Ave.	S. M. Torian, Virgilina, Va.	300.00		100.00	50.00	1,176.60	148.50	50.00	8.00	3.00		1,836.10
Grassy Creek	S. L. Noblin, Nelson, Va.	500.00		71.00			173.15	79.65	14.33	5.00		843.13
Hester	N. F. Hobgood, Oxford, R. 4	1,000.00		80.00	68.20		132.29	102.68	97.00	5.00	161.42	1,646.59
Island Creek	G. B. Shotwell, Henderson, R. 5	496.30		63.40	988.00	100.00	61.65	60.89		4.00	5.00	2,174.01
Knapp of Reeds	Armed Tilley, Bahama	275.00					23.00	43.21				341.21
Knott's Grove	Fielding Knott, Oxford, R. 2	200.00		41.21			21.00	36.80		1.50		300.51
Mountain Creek	R. L. Eakes, Oxford, R. 4	600.00			268.30		215.25	78.37	29.42	5.00	48.79	1,245.13
Mt. Harmony	W. B. Jones, Timberlake, R. 1	600.00			10.00		17.50	40.00	30.50	2.00		700.00
Mt. Zion	W. H. Dean, Oxford, R. 1	400.00	1.00	70.00	35.00		125.15	67.53		5.00	11.25	714.93
Olive Branch	C. S. Loftis, Woodale	425.00	6.25	53.00			41.31	9.10		2.64	5.00	541.99
Olive Grove	P. S. Horton, Northside	200.00	23.53			23.74					85.00	332.27
Oxford	J. E. Pittard, Oxford	3,600.00				2,545.75	2,161.07	452.77		20.00	5,000.00	13,779.59
Peace's Chapel	C. M. Gresham, Kittrell, R. 2	220.00		69.80			30.05	34.23		5.25	15.76	375.09
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. M. W. Newton, Creedmoor	308.00		62.12	4.50	81.25	45.00	37.00			3.15	541.02
Poplar Creek	Carlyle Wright, Henderson, R. 4	190.12		33.00			18.00	24.14		1.00	11.10	277.36
Providence	C. H. Piper, Oxford, R. 2	500.00		60.00			132.05	63.23	8.00	4.00	25.00	792.28
Rock Grove	M. M. Hicks, Roxboro	218.95		58.56	21.50		52.56	22.00		5.00		378.57
Rock Spring	G. T. Wilson, Henderson, R. 5	440.00		52.00	454.20		161.65	50.00		6.95		1,114.80
Sharon	W. A. Sherman, Oxford, R. 1	200.00		50.78			58.50	42.42		5.00	37.31	394.01
Stovall	Harold O'Brien, Oxford, R. 5	600.00		126.50	1,173.16		171.30	146.65		5.00	96.54	2,349.36
Tabb's Creek	W. M. Brummitt, Oxford, R. 3	200.00		41.85			20.75	34.30		3.00	15.00	314.90
Tally Ho	F. C. Wilkins, Stem	200.00		51.10			35.50	22.48				309.08
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	360.00		110.00	14.30		112.86	67.88	217.45	4.00		886.49
		$15,582.49	$ 161.28	$1,640.84	$4,471.41	$3,927.34	$4,595.82	$2,052.16	$424.72	$125.72	$5,673.53	$39.030.08

TABLE VII. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1942

CHURCHES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Hundred Thousand Club	Red Cross and Foreign Relief	Other Objects	Total to All Mission & Benevolences	Grand Total All Gifts All Purposes
Amis Chapel	$ 73.95	$ 14.10	$ 9.35	$ 37.10	$	$	$ 123.72	$ 29.62	$	$ 48.00	$	$	$ 335.84	$ 977.34
Bethany		26.43		9.00			55.41	15.58					106.42	325.92
Bullock	45.00	6.93		36.76			95.18	6.76		36.00		25.18	251.81	1,589.74
Concord		4.62					10.00	10.00	6.00				30.62	372.62
Corinth	21.95	2.95	8.00		1.50		9.64	7.50		4.50			56.04	393.19
Creedmoor							102.69	16.50				25.00	144.19	1,550.33
Dexter	20.00	21.00	22.50	21.80	2.00		11.00	27.62		153.00		38.95	317.87	757.23
Enon	195.00	53.00	48.20	55.91	61.00		138.85	20.00		71.00		28.75	671.71	2,216.02
Fellowship	71.05	14.10		113.75			61.84	15.07		21.85			297.66	871.43
Florence Ave.	100.35	12.00	13.50	23.00			103.63	21.20	12.00	27.25		1.00	313.93	2,150.03
Grassy Creek	161.11	11.25	4.45	27.77	4.80		138.44	6.44		51.00		69.37	474.63	1,317.76
Hester	295.12	90.00	72.39	100.00	45.16		114.81	40.00		151.00		45.75	954.23	2,600.82
Island Creek	208.15	18.55	6.00	11.00			38.99	14.00		26.43		72.65	395.77	2,174.01
Knapp of Reeds	95.72						24.80						120.52	461.73
Knott's Grove	68.17	3.70	6.00	10.00			15.00	13.39		13.00		7.00	136.26	436.77
Mountain Creek	290.55	10.43	33.01	11.70			138.37	18.60		11.25		18.57	532.48	1,777.61
Mt. Harmony	113.87		6.00	17.00			64.23	12.87		12.00			225.97	925.97
Mt. Zion	193.29	30.85	27.90	28.62		2.00	77.86	12.28		36.00		41.10	449.90	1,164.83
Olive Branch	72.00	19.97					74.02	14.38		20.00		15.26	216.20	758.19
Olive Grove			11.45									23.53	34.98	367.25
Oxford	1,358.37	332.82		121.86			550.41	91.04		211.00	136.80		2,802.30	16,581.89
Peace's Chapel	12.75						50.55			24.00		14.30	101.60	476.69
Pleasant Grove	38.25	9.65					28.55	12.50		10.00		18.65	117.60	658.62
Poplar Creek	46.08	5.00	5.00	4.00			5.12			24.00		9.14	98.34	375.70
Providence	138.57	5.00	10.00	36.00	2.50		69.41	13.80		19.50		33.58	328.36	1,120.64
Rock Grove	156.09	14.81	6.00	3.00			22.50	17.81		48.30		2.00	270.51	649.08
Rock Spring	176.62	4.75	3.65				53.76	4.08		21.00			263.86	1,378.66
Sharon	62.24						16.00	14.50		15.00			107.74	501.75
Stovall	291.11	50.86	2.42	5.20			72.96	26.32		30.21		54.00	533.08	2,882.44
Tabb's Creek	15.50	30.55	3.15	4.75			28.47	8.78		32.39		38.73	162.42	477.32
Tally Ho	15.40	30.98	2.90	4.50	1.50		28.99	1.00	5.00	12.00		12.75	115.02	424.10
West Oxford	60.00			30.00			69.00	35.00					194.00	1,080.49
	$4,396.26	$824.30	$301.87	$712.72	$118.46	$ 2.00	$2,394.20	$526.64	$ 23.00	$1,129.68	$136.80	$595.26	$10,766.03	$49,796.11

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Constitution Flat River Association

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in the respective letters.

Article 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Article 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each meeting and hold their office until a new election. The election of officers shall be at the first session of the Association.

Article 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of church received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Article 5. The Clerk shall call the roll, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, and, in the absence of the Moderator, call the Association to order.

Article 6. The Treasurer shall receive funds and disburse them as ordered by the Association, and at the close of the official term, shall report the amount received and expended.

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By-Laws

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

10. Any member of a church of this Association may be elected as Moderator, Clerk, or Treasurer whether delegate or not.

Pastors

M. L. Banister
J. W. Cummings
Joe. B. Currin
E. W. Greene
E. R. Harris
Paul Hester
R. W. Hovis
C. F. Hudson
L. R. Jordan
John McCrimmon
C. H. Norris
W. D. Poe
C. A. Upchurch
E. G. Usry
J. M. Walker

Messengers 1943 Session

Amis Chapel—J. L. Garner, Mrs. J. L. Garner, W. E. Cannady.
Bethany—D. M. Cash, Mrs. Zela Bowling.
Bullock—Miss Madeline Campbell, Mrs. Fannie Royster.
Concord—Mrs. Maurice Fleming, Mrs. Sam Lyon.
Corinth—Mrs. R. F. Currin.
Creedmoor—Taylor Williams, Mrs. W. K. Wood.
Enon—Charlie Jones, Roy T. Daniel, H. M. Hobgood.
Fellowship—J. H. Perry.
Florence Ave.—S. M. Torian, Mrs. E. R. Harris, Mrs. Ellen Wilkins.
Grassy Creek—J. A. Timberlake, S. L. Noblin, C. D. Winston.
Hester—Mrs. R. C. Watkins, E. G. Hobgood, T. E. Howard.
Island Creek—J. D. Knott, J. S. Norwood.
Knotts Grove—J. F. Dean, Mrs. J. F. Dean, Mrs. Fielding Knott.
Mountain Creek—O. J. Eakes.
Mt. Harmony—S. E. Peed, L. P. Sherman, Miss Gertie Sherman.
Mt. Zion—Albert Daniels, Mrs. T. N. Hobgood, T. B. O'Brian.
Olive Branch—M. S. Pool, Mrs. M. S. Pool, J. W. Tatum.
Olive Grove—R. C. Perry.
Oxford—Mrs. B. H. O'Brien, B. W. Parham, Mrs. J. M. Blalock.
Peaces' Chapel—Simon Harris, C. M. Gresham, L. B. Newton.
Poplar Creek—R. M. Boyd, Mrs. R. M. Boyd.
Providence—C. H. Piper, Miss Lila Piper.
Rock Grove—Mrs. W. M. Hicks, Miss Pearl Hicks.
Sharon—W. A. Sherman, T. J. Dixon, Mrs. T. J. Dixon.
Stovall—Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, Sterling Grissom, Robert Noblin.
Tabbs' Creek—W. M. Brummitt, Mrs. W. J. Brummitt, H. W. Currin.
Tally Ho—Elmer Haskins, Mrs. Fred Daniel, Mrs. Clayton.
West Oxford—D. G. Thomason, W. D. Pendleton, Mrs. E. G. Usry.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Session

Flat River Association

Held With

Hester Church

MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association Convenes with Hester Church October 5, 10:00 A. M.

Song—"Crown Thee Almighty King."

Prayer by Rev. E. G. Usry.

Scripture reading by Rev. W. D. Poe, Moderator of the past session.

Roll Call of Pastors and Messengers.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. M. L. Banister, Chairman of the Executive Committee is called to the chair and on motion Rev. W. D. Poe is elected Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk, and Mr. J. N. Watkins, Treasurer.

Motion made and carried that the suggested program be adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This report is read by Rev. J. W. Cummings, discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We are very happy to be able to give a good report on the BIBLICAL RECORDER this year. The circulation of the paper since August, 1942, has increased rapidly. The present circulation is 18,447, which means a net gain since August, 1942 or more than 7,000. For this increase we are profoundly grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists who have supported the paper enthusiastically and have done what they could to get it into the homes of the people. We want to express our appreciation to General Secretary M. A. Huggins and all the State workers for the great help which they have rendered.

The RECORDER has three simple subscription plans: $2.00 a year for individual subscriptions; $1.50 a year for clubs—a minimum of at least three subscriptions is required for every church reporting less than a hundred members, and five subscriptions for every church reporting more than a hundred members; $1.20 a year for the budget or family plan—one subscription for each active, resident church family is required. We hope that pastors, superintendents, deacons, Training Union, and W. M. U. leaders will do what they can to encourage a good club in every Baptist church, or, better still, to persuade the churches to inaugurate the budget plan.

One of the great needs for our people is that they be informed, trained, and enlisted in the whole program of the church and the Kingdom of God; and we feel that the BIBLICAL RECORDER is of immense value in this great cause. We want to be a comrade and helper to every Baptist home and church in North Carolina and do what we can for the support of every cause dear to the hearts of our people. We would follow the injunction of Paul to Timothy: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."

J. W. CUMMINGS.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

This report is read by Rev. E. G. Usry. At this time Mr. B. W. Parham introduces Mr. L. A. Martin who speaks to the report. It is then adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

The most vital thing with which we are confronted today is to get our church members to realize the need for a deeper and more consecrated christian life, and the need to realize the seriousness of conditions, which threaten our Christian civilization. The tragedy of war is not only loss of life, and property, so much as loss of interest in those things upon which our Christian civilization depends. Intemperance, sabbath desecration, profanity and immorality are growing, and abounding. Conditions, the seriousness of which many of our church members are grossly indifferent. The first concern of christians with reference to civic righteousness is that it be practiced in their own lives. The greatest foe to christian citizenship in the world today is the whiskey traffic. It has been truthfully said "The liquor traffic would destroy the church if it could, and the church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would." Temperance is as vital to christian citizenship as health is to the body. They succeed or fall, rise or fall, or live or die together. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people, and "If the foundations be destroyed, where will the people stand." Then for preservation of our greatest heritage which is our christian citizenship let us remember the solemn warning, "When the righteous rule the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule the people mourn, and let us elect men to make our laws who promise to use their influence to prohibit the sale of whiskey, wine, and beer, in North Carolina.

Jesus came to send a sword in the earth, as well as peace. Let us draw His sword and strike. Strike the Sunday theatre, strike the wine, beer and whiskey business. Strike for God and in defense of our christian citizenship, and the nations of the earth shall rise up and call us blessed, and the Righteous Judge will say "Well Done."

E. G. USRY

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Rev. L. R. Jordon, Elbert Wilson, Harold O'Briant.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Rev. E. R. Harris, Millard Brummitt, Nat Jones, Sr.

W. M. U.

This report is read by Mrs. Fred Phipps, Associational Superintendent.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

As I bring you a report of the work of the W. M. U. of the Flat River Association, it is with a deep sense of appreciation of the cooperation of the entire membership that has made the work a joy and that has contributed to whatever success has been achieved. There has been nothing spectacular to mark the year's work but a steady pursuit of the ideals and objectives for which we are organized.

Our Watchword for the year is Isaiah 37:20—"That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord, even Thou only", and as we strive to make our watchword come true, we are emphasizing the winning of lost souls to Christ, studying more about missions both at home and in other lands so that we may be better able to understand the need of each and we have given more this past year, total gifts for all objects being $4,754.06, an increase of $1,213.16.

We are at last beginning to see the need of helping the Negroes around us in their religious work. Many of our Societies are giving them mission literature and have given programs for their benefit and they tell me this is much appreciated.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe B. Currin held a very successful School of Missions at Olive Branch Church for which we are justly proud.

Our Annual Meeting was held with the Enon Church, June 16th, the theme for the day being "Christ Pre-Eminent", and we were indeed fortunate in having three missionaries with us. Rev. L. Bunn Olive brought a stirring address, Mrs. A. S. Gillespie gave an inspiring devotional and Miss Ruby Daniel lifted our hearts with her message in song. There were two hundred registered delegates present and 22 churches were represented.

All officers were reelected with the exception of Stewardship Chairman and Mrs. U. P. Cutts was chosen for this office. For the first time, we have a Literature Chairman, Mrs. A. O. Curl.

We are sure our Young People's work will go forward under the capable leadership of Miss Ruby Watkins and Rev. J. Marshall Walker, R. A. Counselor. Our aims are a ten per cent increase in total enrollment in W. M. U. organizations, a ten per cent increase in the number of organizations and every officer and leader a subscriber to at least one missionary magazine and the Biblical Recorder. By the end of the year, we hope to be able to report every woman resident member in a number of our churches having made a gift to missions. We thank God for what has been done and beg His forgivness for so much that we have failed to do.

We do not know what the days ahead will bring but lets meet every challenge

with faith and courage and a spirit of sacrifice. Many changes have come already but we know there are some things that will not change. God's love and care for His own will not change, His promises and His plans of the ages to save a lost world will not change. So let us all work together that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that He is the Lord.

MRS. FRED A. PHIPPS, *Supt.*

STATE MISSIONS

This report is read by Rev. E. W. Green.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We in this good old State claim to be brethren and sisters; all members of one family; a part of us are well clothed with Spiritual Clothes, others are fed Spiritually, but there are others who are going un-fed and uncared for, and who are hungry for the Gospel of Christ. Others are dying from undernourished spiritual bodies. What are we doing about it? We as N. C. Baptist have a States Mission Board through which we can make our offering for State Missions, putting our "mites" together and sending the Good News through our State Missionaries to these undernourished souls of our great State. I say we can, but are we doing it?

With the great number of young men pouring into our State from our sister States, into the army, navy and marine bases. Are we caring for them spiritually? Then there are a great number of defense workers and their families; are we caring for them? Still another class, the poorer people who are found in the slums of our cities and rural sections of our State that are waiting for the word of God to be brought to them.

Have we done our part in the caring for these thousands of unsaved souls in our State? If we have not we still have the opportunity to do so. Will we do it? Yes, I feel sure the men and women of the Flat River Association will make a record in their support of State Missions that we will be proud of; and that we can face the Master with. May God lead us through the deep spiritual waters by our contributing to our State Mission work that we love so much, is my prayer.

E. W. GREENE

HOME MISSIONS

This report is read by Rev. L. R. Jordan.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Southern Baptists have done much, through the program of Home Missions, to give direction to men and women of our nation.

A look at our work of the past year reveals much for which we are to be profoundly grateful. First, we note that our debts are paid. For the first time since 1920 the Home Mission Board is out of debt. The final note of the Board's indebtedness was paid on May 12, 1943, the amount of which was $55,000. During the period of indebtedness, the Home Mission Board paid a total of $2,425,531.91. Since 1933 over one fourth of this amount came from the Hundred Thousand Club. The exact amount was $636,900.21. The other three fourths came from the Co-operative Program and general denominational receipts.

Second, the Board's report points out that there are 435 workers engaged in its

program, thirteen new missionaries have been added, forty-three mission stations were opened, and six churches organized. As to the work done by these missionaries it is noted that they distributed 14,445 Bibles and Testaments and 672,093 tracts. Over 15,000 people were brought to Christ.

Third, the city mission department was added with Dr. Solomon F. Davis as superintendent. The Board is also making a study of the country church and its needs.

Fourth, the Board's report shows a good financial year. Total offerings for the year amounted to well over $700,000.

L. R. JORDON

FOREIGN MISSIONS

This report is read by Rev. Joe B. Currin.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

These reports are discussed as a whole by Dr. Stamps, and adopted.

The generosity of Southern Baptists coupled with the competent leadership, wise management, and rigid economy of the Board have freed the denomination of a debt that once amounted to more than a million and a half dollars.

While struggling to pay the debt the Foreign Mission Board continued to carry on its regular program of service throughout its several mission fields.

From Jan. 1, 1942 to April 5, 1943 Baptists of the South have given through the Foreign Mission Board $887,802.66 for world emergency relief.

Outstanding among the gifts of the women to the work of Foreign Missions this year is the record breaking gift of $558,672.63 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"The Commission", the monthly journal published by the Board, has steadily increased its circulation until it now has 60,000 subscribers.

Forty of our missionaries to the Orient were returned to America in August 1943. Thirty-eight are reported to be interned in China. Four are marooned in a Portugese colony, and ten others are held in Japanese-controlled Manila. Those whose furloughs are prolonged by war conditions are rendering valuable service in various ways.

The enforced curtailment of our mission activities in the war zones has made it possible to strengthen and expand the work in Latin America. The Hawaian mission being manned by missionaries who have been cut off from their own fields of service, is exerting a world-wide influence.

"The field is the world"; the missionaries are the workers; and Southern Baptists constitute the base of supply.

JOE B. CURRIN

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

This report is read by Rev. M. L. Banister, discussed by Mr. M. A. Huggins and adopted.

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

There is an old saying: "When you have a friend who is tried and true, never give up the old friend for the new." The Co-operative Program is an old friend which is tried and true. It has been tried for more than twenty years. It was born in a crisis, at the close of the first world war, it has survived one of the worst depressions in the history of the American Republic, and now it is making excellent progress in the face of the global war which is raging. This shows that the Co-operative Program has been tried. So since it works, let us continue to give it our loyal and prayerful support. It is the best way to meet all of the obligations of our different Boards and Agencies that the Southern Baptist Convention has ever tried. It is impartial in the distribution of the gifts to the Convention, and it is able to meet the needs as they arise. Co-operation is the word of the day. As nations and as churches we must co-operate or lose all of our freedoms which are dearer than life itself. As we begin a new year in our Flat River Association, let us, if possible, increase our gifts to the objects supported by the Co-operative Program, and send them to our General Secretary in Raleigh from where they are distributed to our State and Southwide Causes.

M. L. BANISTER

The Moderator recognizes visitors from the Mt. Zion and Beulah Association also Rev. C. E. Parker of the Baptist Hospital.

Dismissal prayer by Mr. Dick Blackwell.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song—"I am Bound for the Promised Land."

Prayer—By Rev. J. M. Walker.

Song—"I Need Thee Every Hour."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

This report is read by Rev. E. R. Harris, discussed by Mr. L. L. Morgan and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School has been through years an integral part of our great Denominational program. It has been called "The teaching service of the church." Much of the knowledge of the Bible is learned in the Sunday School. Many do not even study the lessons, but learn much from presentation in the class.

About 52% of our people do not attend Sunday School. That has been, and is our problem, how to interest and enlist the unenlisted. That is also our opportunity.

Many of our churches are building with church schools in mind, and providing classrooms, to increase the efficiency of the teaching service.

Our Sunday School Board is furnishing us with the best of literature. The com-

ments on the lessons are both interesting and instructive.

Our state workers are doing a fine job, holding conventions, institutes, study courses, co-operating with the Sunday School Board in associational and state-wide work.

The churches of our association should, in these difficult times, make especial effort to enlist the unenlisted in their immediate territory; to improve their organization, and to make their teaching as effective as possible.

E. R. HARRIS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This report is read by Mr. B. D. Bunn, discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and Mr. Herbert Baucom. Then adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This report will deal largely with the influence of Christian Education in general. President Roosevelt's open letter in the public press addressed to Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the Council of Religious Education expressed very clearly the fundamentals underlying the teaching of religious faith in democracy. He expressed the hope that the nation wide observance of "Religious Education Week" might result in "A Quickening of the Spirit of Religion". Whether in the denominational colleges or public schools the fundamental principles affecting the individual students are the same. It would be well for us to bear in mind the daily themes discussed in observing "Religious Education Week". They are as follows: "Personal Character", "Christian Leadership", "Christian Families", "Inter-Church Fellowships" (I would also like to add "Entra-Church Fellowship") "Churches in United Action", "Church and School in Cooperation", "Youth as a Community Builder", and "The World Wide Christian Community".

All things made by Him who created heaven and earth are good. Every flaw, defect, and error is of man's origin. The reason the world is in the present chaotic condition, is because man has followed preeminently the leadership of man instead of the divine guidance of the Supreme Architect of the universe.

The only hope of recovery is faith in the christian religion and that faith taught on the principles of Christian Fellowship. We are admonished in our church covenant to "Religiously Educate our Children."

Education is more than mastering textbooks, it is the building of character without which culture may have some attributes of "kultur" as it has been employed to support the regime of Naxism. The foundation of a democracy can be traced back to the teaching of Christian principles. No teacher, either Sunday School, Denominational Training School or Public School is teaching Christian Education who fails to practice, live, and indoctrinate the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God. Hon. Eric Johnson has the following to say relative to religious training. "It is the spirit of equality and concern for the under privileged that is the test of Religious Education. America has been built on faith—faith in God and in our fellowman. From this we have derived a faith in the righteousness of our American Constitutional, civil, political and religious freedom. It is for these our sons, brothers, and fellow citizens are now fighting."

B. D. BUNN

HOSPITALS

This report is read by Rev. C. A. Upchurch, discussed by Rev. C. E. Parker and adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital has completed a full year with its enlarged facilities. Instead of caring for 4,000 patients as formerly, we have had 12,000 the past year—1942. It is again becoming increasingly difficult to provide for the growing numbers of sick who come for treatment—an average of 33 each day.

O these 12,000 patients who were treated last year, 4,000 were service patients; that is, were unable to pay a hospital bill. These are the sick for whom our Mother's Day Offering is made. It is also interesting to note that 4,000 of this 12,000 patients were mothers who had, here and there in our state, 12,000 children waiting anxiously for their return. We had also about 175 ministers, returned missionaries, ministerial students and children from our orphanage for whom no charge was made.

The Hospital Taining School for Nurses has 116 students in training, 51 staff and graduate nurses, with an addition of 22 nurses and Red Cross Aides, making a total nursing staff of 189.

It is one of the functions of the Baptist Hospital to educate as many nurses as possible with the Christian ideal of service. These are always selected so as to represent as nearly as possible every section of our state.

Although quite a number of our medical staff are constantly going into the service of our country, we still have a staff of about 75 doctors, almost all of whom are specialists in the several fields of medicine and surgery.

These two institutions—Hospital and Medical School—represent a money value to our denomination of $2,000,000.00.

It is with a just pride, we trust, that the American Medical Association has given the Baptist Hospital the highest rating of any hospital in the entire south, save one.

The hospital desires to express to the members of this association their appreciation for the best Mother's Day offering ever, and also to the W. M. U's. and other church agencies this same appreciation for their generous contributions of hospital linen.

C. A. UPCHURCH

ORPHANAGE

This report is read by Rev. C. H. Norris, discussed by Rev. John Arch McMillan and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Our Orphanage maintains two homes, the Mills Home in Thomasville and the Kennedy Home near Kinston.

We cared for during 1942, 687 in the two homes, 35 in boarding homes and 74 in their own homes. We have been able to place a larger number than ever before

thus enabling us to be of more service to children.

As a result of good food, regular hours and the cooperation of all workers the health of our children is far above that of the outside population.

Many activities are involved in the production of food. The farm from which we receive fresh vegetables in abundance along with pork and beef, the dairy from which each child receives a quart of whole milk a day, the poultry yard where all of our chickens and eggs are produced and the one hundred thousand half gallon jars that are filled with every kind of fruit and vegetables by our friends all over North Carolina.

All of these good things are sent out to our 19 kitchens of the two homes where they are prepared as well balanced meals under the supervision of trained workers.

Clothing to a great extent is made by the children with the aid of competent supervisors.

The Physical Education program goes on the year round with trained directors in charge.

A graded Sunday School, B. T. U. and W. M. U. both at Kennedy Home and Mills Home help in rounding out the lives of our boys and girls.

Charity and Children is published each week at Mills Home and covers the activities of the entire Orphanage. In clubs of ten or more Charity and Children is 60c a year.

Bro. M. L. Kesler said that a once a month offering in each Sunday School and a worthy Thank Offering at Thanksgiving by each Church in North Carolina will take care of our Orphanage financially.

We must never lose sight of the one chief purpose of our Orphanage and that is making worth while men and women out of dependent boys and girls.

REV. C. H. NORRIS

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

This report is read by Rev. Paul Hester and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

At is annual meeting in Dallas last March the Relief and Annuity Board observed its twenty-fifth anniversary. The total assets of the Board at the end of March, 1943 stood at $6,166,766.37. In addition to this figure five and one half million more have been paid out through the years in relief and annuity benefits. Thus far every one dollar assets at the close of the first year's work the Board has paid out in benefits fifty dollars and has in assets today $58.17. The 1942 income was well beyond $1,383,000, while the relief and annuity benefits paid out totaled $629,000. More than 1,200 aged preachers and preacher's widows received relief grants totaling $115,000. The progress of the past few years has been phenonemal.

We have more than ten thousand ministers, missionaries, denominational workers and minister's widows are participating in one or more of the Boards plans, while over twenty-six hundred of these are now receiving benefits from the Board and all of the others are due to receive benefits in the years to come. The Relief and Annuity Board has already become and is destined to become increasingly a strong

stabilizing force in the life of our denomination. It offers a stability of economic security to every denomination worker and employee throughout the Southern Baptist Convention asking only the cooperation of all, that it may render the largest possible service. Already more than ten thousand churches are participating and more than seven thousand preachers hold certificates of membership.

Our North Carolina Baptist State Convention has a plan with the Relief and Annuity Board which we believe to be superior to those of most other states. Under this plan a pastor pays 4% of his salary each month. The church or churches of which he is pastor pays 4%, and our State Convention adds $18.00 per year to the amount. This makes provisions for a good retirement annuity which the pastor will receive when he wishes to retire after he has reached the age of 65, or an annuity which he will receive before he reaches 65 if he should become disable or for his dependents in case of his death. Our State Board has about 465 members at the present. I think all of our ministers and churches would do a fine thing to go in with this movement.

PAUL G. HESTER

REPORT OF TREASURER

The report of the Treasurer is read by Mr. J. N. Watkins.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Collected at the Association		$130.00
Paid Clerk	$ 35.00	
Printing Minutes	73.00	
Mailing Minutes	4.86	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
	$114.86	$114.86
		$ 15.14
Balance brought over from 1942		$ 74.40
Total in Treasurer's hands		$ 89.54

J. N. WATKINS, *Treasurer*

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE

The report of Committee on Time and Place is read by Mr. Elbert Wilson.

Time—October 3, 1944.
Place—Bullock.

REV. L. R. JORDAN
ELBERT WILSON
HAROLD O'BRIANT
Committee

The report of Committee on Resolutions is read by Rev. E. R. Harris.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Resolved that this Association express its appreciation to the committees for the

splendid reports, to speakers for the instructive messages, to our efficient officers and their efficient conduct of the session, and to the members of this church for their gracious and sumptuous way in which they have entertained us.

EDWIN R. HARRIS
W. M. BRUMMITT
NAT JONES, SR.

Motion is made and carried to pay to Clerk the usual salary.

The Moderator appoints the Executive Committee and Standing Committee for 1944.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members at Large—

Rev. M. L. Banister	Oxford
Mrs. W. K. Wood	Creedmoor
Mr. W. H. Upchurch	Oxford
Mr. F. W. Hancock, Sr.	Oxford
Mr. Thomas Hobgood	Oxford, Route 1
Mrs. Edith Fagan Cannady	Oxford

Moderator, Clerk—(Exofficio Members)

Churches—

Amis Chapel	Mr. R. M. Smart, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2
Bethany	Mr. D. M. Cash, Rougemont, Rt. 1
Bullock	Mr. Francis Davis, Bullock
Concord	Mr. R. W. Currin, Northside
Corinth	Mr. G. W. Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2
Creedmoor	Mr. R. H. Rogers, Creedmoor
Dexter	Mr. E. B. Green, Oxford, Rt. 5
Enon	Mr. Sam L. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1
Fellowship	Mr. T. L. O'Briant, Durham
Florence Ave.	Mr. S. M. Torian, Virgilina, Va.
Grassy Creek	Mr. J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.
Hester	Mr. A. B. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2
Island Creek	Mr. Lewis Shanks, Oxford, Rt. 5
Knott's Grove	Mr. John Dean, Oxford, N. C.
Mt. Creek	Mr. R. L. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4
Mt. Harmony	Mr. L. P. Sherman, Rougemont, Rt. 1
Mt. Zion	Rev. E. D. Gooch, Oxford, Rt. 1
Olive Branch	Mr. Mack Gentry, Roxboro
Olive Grove	Mr. John Emory, Northside
Oxford	
Peace's Chapel	Mr. W. S. West, Oxford, Rt. 3
Pleasant Grove	Mr. Macy Newton, Hester, Rt.
Poplar Creek	Mr. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4
Providence	Mr. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2
Rock Grove	Mrs. S. T. Slaughter, Roxboro
Rock Spring	Mr. E. J. Knott, Clarksville, Va.
Sharon	Mr. W. A. Sherman, Oxford, Rt. 1
Stovall	Mr. J. B. Pittard, Stovall
Tabb's Creek	Mr. H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 3
Tally Ho	Mr. Harold Stem, Stem
West Oxford	Mr. Lester Oakley, Oxford

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1944

W. M. U. Work	Mrs. Fred A. Phipps
Religious Literature	Rev. L. R. Jordan
Missions	
State	Rev. R. W. Hovis
Home	Rev. J. W. Cummings
Foreign	Rev. E. G. Usry
Cooperative Program	Rev. M. L. Banister
Young People's Work	Rev. J. M. Walker
Relief and Retirement	Rev. C. H. Norris
Baptist Hospital	Rev. John McCrimmon
Sunday Schools	Rev. J. M. Walker
Christian Education	Rev. Joe B. Currin
Christian Citizenship	Rev. C. F. Hudson
N. C. Baptist Orphanage	Rev. E. W. Green
Report of Executive Committee	Rev. M. L. Banister
Report on Obituaries	

The report on Obituaries is read by Mrs. C. N. Hobgood.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

We, the members of Flat River Association are deeply grieved to report so many of our number have passed away since we last met. But to be aware that one has used his opportunities of life in service to God and to his fellow men, and to have an inner assurance that such services have been acceptable to God, produces a satisfying joy in having lived.

One of the things that keeps our hearts from being sad or breaking is the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. No matter where we go as Christians we will always find other Christians who will drive that feeling of sadness from our hearts, because Christian people everywhere are so much alike.

We all sing hymns, such as: " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". My Hope is Built. "He is able to keep me" and "What a Friend we Have in Jesus."

It will be glorious to meet our loved ones and friends in a land where we never grow old. Is it any wonder we sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love"?

We all are guaranteed a place there if we fight a good fight and keep the faith.

Song—"Some Time We Will Understand."

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Banister.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

Amis Chapel—Mr. E. D. Clark, Mr. Martin Vaughan, Mrs. Willie Adcock, Mrs. George West, Miss Ada Vaughan.

Bethany—Mr. C. G. Humphries, Mrs. Nannie Dickerson.

Corinth—Mrs. M. J. McGhee.

Creedmoor—Mrs. B. E. Moss.

Enon—Mr. O. C. Hester, Captain Leonard Knott.

Florence Ave.—Mrs. A. L. Jones, Miss Evelyn Jones.

Hester—Mr. C. N. Owen, Mr. Herbert Greenway.

Island Creek—Mr. H. S. Woody, Mr. H. B. Clark, Mrs. Nannie Norwood, Mr. H. R. Shotwell.

Mountain Creek—Mrs. Lelia Seat, Mrs. Lizzie Hart, Mrs. Ada Cottrell, Mrs. Nannie Watts.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Claudia Roberts.

Olive Branch—Mrs. Dora Gentry, Mr. Bud Gentry.

Oxford—Mr. E. T. Hester, Mr. T. G. Currin.

Peace's Chapel—Mrs. Mollie Wilson.

Pleasant Grove—Mr. R. E. Cash, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. G. H. Jones.

Providence—Mrs. J. N. Watkins, Mrs. A. E. Averette, Mrs. L. G. Boyd, Mr. C. T. Jones, Miss Mildred Wheeler

Rock Spring—Miss Ida Short.

Sharon—Mr. Luther Young, Mr. Henry Denny.

Stovall—Mr. Frank Elliott, Miss Esther Stovall, Mr. W. C. Critcher, Mrs. Annie Cash.

Tally Ho—Miss Jessie Stem, Mr. Charlie Haskins.

West Oxford—Mr. C. T. Lynch, Sr.

MRS. C. N. HOBGOOD, *Committee.*

The Association adjourns.

REV. W. D. POE, *Moderator*
SAM A. HOWARD, *Clerk*

On Tuesday evening following the adjournment of the Association, the Young People put on a very interesting and instructive program, led by Rev. J. M. Walker.

TABLE I. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, ETC., FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION YEAR ENDING

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City or County?	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	Members Reported Last Year	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP							Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
						Gains				Losses					
						Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Erasures	Deaths			
Amis Chapel	C	1879	E. W. Greene, Henderson, R. 4	2-4	237	6	----	----	1	----	1	5	238	1	4	15
Bethany	C	----	C. F. Hudson, Durham	2	117	----	----	----	----	2	----	2	113	----	1	----
Bullock	V	1904	J. M. Walker, Stovall	1-3	151	----	----	----	----	1	1	----	149	1	4	12
Concord	C	----	E. G. Usry, Oxford	2	140	----	----	----	----	6	----	----	134	1	----	----
Corinth	C	----	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	2-4	181	----	----	----	----	3	----	1	177	1	2	----
Creedmoor	V	1895	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	1-2-4	206	4	14	3	----	----	----	1	226	1	2	7
Dexter	V	1906	E. W. Greene, Henderson, R. 4	2-4	268	5	3	----	----	10	----	----	266	1	2	----
Enon	C	----	W. D. Poe, Oxford	1-2-3	391	6	----	----	----	3	----	2	392	1	2	18
Fellowship	C	----	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	2-4	200	----	----	----	----	4	----	----	196	1	1	5
Florence Ave.	V	1891	E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1-3	134	----	1	----	----	2	----	2	131	----	3	5
Grassy Creek	C	1857	J. W. Cummings, Oxford	2-4	385	39	7	1	2	10	----	----	424	1	4	6
Hester	C	1823	W. D. Poe, Oxford	2-4	453	20	5	----	----	5	----	2	471	1	2	20
Island Creek	C	1820	J. M. Walker, Stovall	2-4	485	20	4	----	----	2	----	3	504	1	2	25
Knott's Grove	C	1901	J. W. Cummings, Oxford	1-3	73	----	----	----	----	2	----	----	71	1	1	3
Mountain Creek	C	1860	J. W. Cummings, Oxford	1-3	449	6	16	----	----	2	----	4	465	1	3	12
Mt. Harmony	C	----	R. W. Hovis	1-3	208	16	1	----	----	10	----	----	215	1	4	2
Mt. Zion	V	1840	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	1-3	234	5	1	----	----	6	----	1	233	1	2	12
Olive Branch	C	----	Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	2-4	295	10	2	1	----	9	----	2	297	1	2	7
Olive Grove	C	----	Paul Hester, Wake Forest	1-3	228	----	----	----	----	8	----	----	220	1	2	----
Oxford	T	1848	M. L. Banister, Oxford	Every	1109	42	26	----	----	31	1	1	1145	----	4	53
Peace's Chapel	C	1887	E. G. Usry, Oxford	4	342	4	4	1	----	20	----	1	330	1	2	14
Pleasant Grove	C	1858	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	2-4	214	8	----	----	----	3	----	3	216	1	2	----
Poplar Creek	C	1863	John McCrimmon, Henderson	1	90	3	----	----	----	----	----	1	92	1	----	6
Providence	V	----	J. W. Cummings, Oxford	2-4	257	7	6	----	1	6	----	5	260	1	4	27
Rock Grove	C	----	Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	1-3	158	14	----	----	----	1	----	----	171	1	2	8
Rock Spring	C	----		1-4	301	6	1	----	----	10	1	1	296	1	2	----
Sharon	C	1896	E. G. Usry, Oxford	1	217	----	2	----	----	----	----	2	217	1	2	9
Stovall	V	1886	J. M. Walker, Stovall	Every	554	24	18	----	----	4	----	4	588	1	4	27
Tabb's Creek	C	----	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	3	160	10	6	----	----	----	----	----	176	1	4	----
Tally Ho	C	----	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	2-4	246	5	5	----	----	1	----	2	253	1	3	----
West Oxford	V	1912	E. G. Usry, Oxford	Every	183	8	5	----	1	3	----	1	193	1	4	2
						----	----	----	6	5	----	4	46	----	28	77	----

TABLE II. SUNDAY SCHOOLS FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT									Special	
		Cradle Roll Under 3 Years	Beginners 3-5 Years	Primaries 6-8 Years	Juniors 9-12 Years	Intermediates 13-16 Years	Young People 17-24 Years	Adults 25 Years and Up	Extension Department	Total Including Officers Teachers and Pupils	Baptisms From Sunday School	Is the School Graded?
Amis Chapel	S. A. Harris, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	____	16	16	17	10	30	44	____	133	6	____
Bethany		____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock	____	____	6	8	11	10	26	____	73	____	*
Concord	James L. Jolly, Creedmoor	____	____	12	____	12	14	12	____	50	____	____
Corinth	R. F. Currin, Oxford	____	6	5	9	8	10	17	____	55	____	____
Creedmoor	J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor	____	19	15	20	22	55	48	____	184	1	*
Dexter	Miss Velma Woody, Oxford, R. 5	10	____	10	12	15	35	24	____	106	____	____
Enon	Sam, L. Knott, Oxrod, R. 1	10	12	10	27	38	56	73	____	236	6	*
Fellowship	W. S. Hobgood, Creedmoor	7	12	18	17	13	21	27	____	115	____	*
Florence Ave.	F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.	____	15	10	10	10	20	30	____	95	____	____
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.	____	20	23	37	47	33	64	____	224	____	____
Hester	J. B. Badgett, Oxford	9	10	25	26	40	30	90	____	230	____	____
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Henderson	____	11	11	25	37	55	61	15	215	____	*
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, R. 2	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	35	____	____
Mountain Creek	John S. Watkins, Oxford, R. 4	6	10	20	23	36	36	60	____	197	5	*
Mt. Harmony	C. R. Sherman, Timberlake, R. 1	____	12	14	22	14	30	40	____	132	12	*
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, R. 1	7	8	14	32	37	27	45	____	170	5	____
Olive Branch	J. W. Tatum, Virgilina, Va., R. 1	40	23	22	22	32	31	35	70	275	____	____
Olive Grove	J. M. Emory, Northside	____	9	6	____	9	30	21	____	77	____	____
Oxford	Dr. Ballard Norwood, Oxford	31	42	62	83	89	44	173	56	595	42	*
Peace's Chapel	Clifton Walters, Oxford, R. 3	4	5	15	10	16	35	35	____	120	4	*
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Smith, Creedmoor	____	____	15	12	15	18	30	____	90	7	____
Poplar Creek	H. B. Parrott, Henderson, R. 4	____	7	____	5	5	8	7	____	32	1	____
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Oxford, R. 2	____	10	7	16	20	45	35	____	145	____	____
Rock Grove	M. M. Hicks, Roxboro	14	____	____	16	23	10	27	____	90	14	____
Rock Spring	Russell Greene, Clarksville, Va., R. 1	____	7	4	13	20	____	20	____	64	6	____
Sharon	Fred Elliott, Oxford, R. 1	30	7	7	17	11	24	28	____	125	____	*
Stovall	E. R. Perry, Stovall	____	25	21	43	43	37	95	____	282	18	*
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, R. 3	____	15	____	15	25	____	28	____	93	10	*
Tally Ho	Harold Stem, Stem	____	____	____	6	12	12	25	____	55	____	____
West Oxford	D. E. Long, Oxford	5	5	23	30	50	55	29	____	201	6	*
								____	141	4494	142	12

* Yes.

TABLE III. BAPTIST TRAINING UNION FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	DIRECTOR OF TRAINING UNION AND POST OFFICE	BAPTIST TRAINING UNION (B.Y.P.U.'s and B.A.U.'s)																
		Adult Unions	Young People's Unions	Intermediate Unions	Junior Unions	Story Hours	Total Unions and Story Hours	Adults Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Enrolled Unions and Story Hours	Total Number Daily Bible Readers	Number Taking Study Course	Total Systematic Givers in All Unions	Students in College from Your Church	Number General and Departmental Officers
Bullock	Robin Campbell, Bullock	----	1	----	----	----	1	----	10	----	----	----	10	----	----	----	----	----
Creedmoor	Mrs. J. J. Clark, Creedmoor	1	1	1	1	1	5	20	18	22	20	5	85	----	----	----	1	----
Mountain Creek	R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	1	----	1	----	1	3	25	----	25	----	77	67	19	10	67	7	----
Oxford	R. H. Beard, Oxford	----	1	2	2	----	5	----	16	22	32	----	70	26	41	66	----	----
Pleasant Grove	Miss Arlene Mangum, Creedmoor	1	----	----	----	----	1	29	----	----	----	----	29	5	----	29	----	----
Providence	R. N. Watkins, Oxford, R. 2	----	1	----	----	----	1	----	15	----	----	----	15	13	----	15	----	----
Stovall	Mrs. U. P. Cutts, Stovall	1	1	1	1	1	5	15	20	31	27	4	97	15	68	34	4	12
		4	5	5	4	3	21	89	79	100	79	26	373	78	119	211	12	12

TABLE IV. W. M. U. ORGANIZATIONS AND GIFTS

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND POST OFFICES	W. M. U. WORK														
		No. W. M. S.	No. Y. W. A.'s	No. G. A.'s	No. R. A.'s	No. Sunbeams	Total W. M. U.	W. M. S. Members	Y. W. A.'s Members	G. A.'s Members	R. A.'s Members	Sunbeam Members	Total Members Enrolled	Mission Study Courses	Contributions (Local Work) Given by W. M. U.	Contributions (Missions) Given by W. M. U.
Amis Chapel	Mrs. W. L. Clark, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	1	1	1	---	1	4	39	16	13	---	12	80	---	$ 110.00	$ 270.55
Bullock	Mrs. R. A. Davis, Bullock	1	1	---	---	---	2	12	13	---	---	---	25	---	49.53	64.00
Corinth	Mrs. F. H. Averette, Oxford	1	---	---	---	1	2	17	---	---	---	12	29	---	---	77.27
Creedmoor	Mrs. Lois Winston, Creedmoor	1	---	1	1	1	4	20	---	8	8	19	55	10	---	69.10
Dexter	Mrs. E. J. Greene, Oxford, R. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	40	18	10	15	15	98	98	96.81	255.31
Enon	Mrs. W. D. Poe, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	42	15	18	14	20	109	42	---	228.39
Florence Ave.	Mrs. E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	---	---	1	3	11	10	---	---	12	33	8	---	116.40
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Conway Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1	---	1	1	1	4	26	---	14	15	10	65	27	---	165.67
Hester	Mrs. W. D. Poe, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	34	25	16	12	20	107	74	---	272.90
Island Creek	Mrs. J. Marshall Walker, Stovall	1	1	1	1	1	5	40	22	5	8	5	80	39	369.18	172.52
Knott's Grove	Mrs. J. F. Dean, Oxford, R. 2	1	---	---	---	---	1	14	---	---	---	---	---	10	---	93.65
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Baird Stovall, Oxford	1	1	1	---	1	4	38	9	15	---	15	77	24	---	177.67
Mt. Harmony	Miss Lelia Peed, Rougemont, R. 1	1	---	---	---	---	1	12	---	---	---	---	12	---	---	24.00
Mt. Zion	Miss Viola Jones, Oxford, R. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	45	24	18	18	25	130	99	316.83	210.13
Olive Branch	Mrs. Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	1	1	2	2	1	7	42	12	23	---	30	107	---	54.48	155.65
Oxford	Mrs. N. W. Weldon, Stovall	1	1	2	1	1	6	167	19	38	15	64	303	134	5,090.00	1,146.51
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Clifton Walters, Oxford, R. 3	1	---	---	---	---	1	20	---	---	---	---	20	10	---	45.33
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. M. W. Newton, Creedmoor	1	---	---	---	---	1	13	---	---	---	---	13	13	---	14.51
Poplar Creek	Miss Julia Parrott, Henderson, R. 4	1	---	---	---	---	1	20	---	---	---	---	20	20	---	54.00
Providence	Mrs. R. N. Watkins, Oxford, R. 2	1	---	1	1	1	4	---	---	14	16	19	49	---	25.10	140.12
Rock Grove	Mrs. M. H. Hicks, Roxboro, R. 2	1	1	1	---	1	4	10	8	12	---	15	45	---	---	117.65
Rock Spring	Mrs. Bailey Matthews, Clarksville, Va., R. 1	1	---	1	---	1	3	20	---	12	---	12	44	---	35.00	38.00
Sharon	Mrs. J. R. Williams, Oxford, R. 4	1	---	---	---	1	2	40	---	---	---	29	69	21	32.55	37.55
Stovall	Mrs. U. P. Cutts, Stovall	1	1	1	2	1	6	30	12	17	33	24	116	24	406.05	423.69
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. Frank Walker, Oxford, R. 3	1	---	1	1	1	4	20	---	15	20	25	80	---	---	104.24
Tally Ho	Mrs. J. A. Newton, Stem	1	---	---	---	---	1	25	---	---	---	---	25	8	---	68.35
West Oxford	Mrs. E. G. Usry, Oxford	1	---	---	---	1	2	18	---	---	---	10	28	10	---	53.00
		27	13	18	14	20	92	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	$6,585.58	$4,596.16

TABLE V. GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORK OF FLAT RIVER ASSO.

CHURCHES	REGULAR TREASURERS AND POST OFFICES	FOR SUPPORT OF LOCAL CHURCH											
		Pastor's Salary Paid This Year	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help and Supply	Building and Repairs Spent This Year	Church Debt and Interest	Incidentals	Literature for Church Use, S. S., Etc.	Help Given to Local Poor	For Printing the Minutes and Clerk of Association	Other Objects	Total for Local Purposes Given by the Church and All Its Organizations
Amis Chapel	A. R. Frazier, Virgilina, Va., R. 1	300.00	$	$ 164.15	$	$	$ 39.34	$ 56.11	$93.58	$ 5.00	$ 25.36	$ 683.54
Bethany	D. M. Cash, Rougemont	200.00								3.00	2.00	205.00
Bullock	C. G. Royster, Bullock	500.00		105.90			151.54	89.69	10.00	3.00	88.00	948.13
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	250.00		55.54			25.00	15.00		4.50		350.04
Corinth	G. C. Land, Oxford	300.00		41.40			15.60	25.00		5.00		387.00
Creedmoor	Mrs. Fred Fleming, Creedmoor	890.00		65.00			172.30	157.20		5.00	33.78	1323.28
Dexter	I. T. Greene, Oxford, R. 5	285.00		71.13	300.00		17.00	64.00	68.00	3.00	48.00	856.13
Enon	J. T. Yancey, Oxford, R. 3	1,200.00		70.00	103.15		268.00	97.97		5.00	132.62	1876.74
Fellowship	Alvace Whitaker, Creedmoor	350.00		25.00	5.50		50.00	61.39	10.00	5.00	3.95	510.84
Florence Ave.	S. M. Torian, Virgilina, Va.	300.00			1,035.00		172.00	60.00		5.00	25.00	1597.00
Grassy Creek	S. L. Noblin, Nelson, Va.	600.00		100.25	80.51		156.75	93.50	20.73	5.00	330.00	1386.74
Hester	N. F. Hobgood, Oxford, R. 4	1,200.00		85.00			243.43	97.27		5.00	45.00	1675.70
Island Creek	G. B. Shotwell, Henderson, R. 5	606.00		170.00	2,848.45	111.33	136.37	122.77		5.00	20.00	4019.92
Knott's Grove	Fielding Knott, Oxford, R. 2	250.00		57.78	65.00		21.00	20.67		1.50		415.95
Mountain Creek	D. A. Parham, Oxford, R. 4	233.33		539.48	19.97		194.34	89.07	29.05	5.00		1110.24
Mt. Harmony	W. B. Jones, Timberlake, R. 1	800.00					34.00	43.00	40.00	2.00	32.00	951.00
*Mt. Zion	W. H. Dean, Oxford, R. 1	400.00		102.00	39.00		132.67	67.10	11.00	5.00		756.77
Olive Branch	C. S. Loftis, Woodsdale	425.00		73.16			41.00	62.51	10.00	4.34	172.18	188.29
Olive Grove	P. S. Horton, Northside	300.00		155.87			12.00		9.00	5.00	23.25	507.12
Oxford	J. E. Pittard, Oxford	3,600.00	600.00	55.00	778.90	43,263.71	2,106.74	488.06		20.00		50912.41
Peace's Chapel	C. M. Gresham, Kittrell, R. 2	240.00		111.05	141.82		28.77	43.76		5.26	22.79	593.45
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. M. W. Newton, Creedmoor	300.00		27.00	400.60		52.00	30.00				809.60
Poplar Creek	R. M. Boyd, Henderson, R. 3	240.00		30.00	10.00		18.00	18.04		1.50		317.54
Providence	C. H. Piper, Oxford, R. 2	285.00		237.50			110.25	142.27		4.00	60.50	839.52
Rock Grove	M. M. Hicks, Roxboro	217.50		63.00	5.00		45.00	34.08	26.75	2.00		393.33
Rock Spring	G. T. Wilson, Henderson, R. 5	525.00	15.00	72.00	2,830.00		122.05	100.00		3.65	3.55	3671.25
Sharon	W. A. Sherman, Oxford, R. 1	225.00		78.59			20.00	49.01		5.00	39.66	417.26
Stovall	Harold O'Brien, Oxford, R. 5	1,100.00	20.00	139.60	217.95		218.42	101.62		5.00	117.76	1920.35
Tabb's Creek	W. M. Brummitt, Oxford, R. 3	225.00		75.00	10.10		35.05	36.53		4.00	28.12	413.80
Tally Ho	F. C. Wilkins, Stem	300.00		103.02	2.50		23.50	16.03			12.85	457.90
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	390.00	7.50	115.00	9.11		103.70	71.04	28.00	4.00	51.16	779.51
		$17,036.83	$	$2,988.42	$8,902.56	$	$4,765.82	2352.69	356.11	135.75	1317.53	

*Slaughter Fund to Pastor's Salary $20.00.

TABLE VI. GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, EDUCATION AND ALL BENEVOLENCES FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Total to Co-operative Program	Special to Associational Missions	Special to State Missions	Special to Home Missions	Special to Foreign Missions	Special to Schools and Colleges	Special to Theological Seminaries	Special to Orphanage	Special to Hospitals	Special to Old Ministers' Relief	Hundred Thousand Club	Other Objects	Total to All Missions & Benevolences	Grand Total All Gifts All Purposes
Amis Chapel	$ 155.57	$	$38.27	$20.50	$63.34	$	$	$175.54	$ 25.89	$	$ 58.35	$ 37.90	$ 575.36	$ 1,258.90
Bethany			10.88	5.00	9.00			96.59	22.14		2.00		145.61	350.61
Bullock	130.00				17.70			143.58	10.35		54.80		356.43	1,304.56
Concord	28.52										10.50		39.02	389.06
Corinth	27.40		5.22	4.70	11.85		2.20	22.00	12.33		21.00		106.70	493.70
Creedmoor	75.00		12.25					148.35	25.00		24.00	16.45	301.05	1,624.33
Dexter		10.00		10.00		85.00		16.85	30.00		242.00	76.00	469.85	1,325.98
Enon	487.64		18.00	10.00	7.00	39.38		211.65	40.00		112.50	44.00	970.17	2,846.91
Fellowship	60.32		24.09		75.00			104.27	19.84				283.52	794.36
Florence Ave	105.15		21.50	13.75	22.00			72.58	12.69		36.00	13.50	297.17	1,894.17
Grassy Creek	219.65		5.22	10.35	24.35		5.65	100.00	5.79		30.00	8.47	409.48	1,796.22
Hester	590.63		107.00	105.00	131.45	85.35		162.12	60.00		143.50	77.35	1,462.40	3,138.10
Island Creek	320.98		14.70	20.00	14.75			80.18	15.00	26.00	148.21	31.30	671.12	4,691.04
Knott's Grove	119.09		6.50	8.00	15.00			34.72	14.80		13.00	7.65	218.75	634.70
Mountain Creek	415.42	.75	42.56	18.34	36.90			192.64	29.93		35.80	25.52	797.86	1,908.10
Mt. Harmony	121.40				15.00			82.45	12.00				230.85	1,181.85
*Mt. Zion	136.40		61.83	38.95	41.30		2.55	80.58	40.56		36.00		438.17	1,194.94
Olive Branch	154.91	19.25		5.55		26.69		83.38	15.43		108.35	25.00	438.56	1,226.85
Olive Grove		39.00							15.00				54.00	561.12
Oxford	1,585.92				308.21	81.17		554.16	95.70		398.32		3,023.48	53,935.89
Peace's Chapel	45.33							71.24	26.65		37.75		180.97	774.42
Pleasant Grove	19.50		12.00					32.35	14.52		14.00	4.00	96.37	905.97
Poplar Creek	47.00		10.28	5.00	5.00			9.88	5.03		24.00		106.19	423.73
Providence	173.11		5.00	16.75	45.40		2.60	97.22	19.95		68.25	4.00	422.48	1,262.00
Rock Grove	115.65	2.00	2.75	4.00	9.00			56.29			101.00		290.69	684.02
Rock Spring	249.94							122.71	7.44				380.09	4,051.34
Sharon	124.13					12.59		33.69	17.00		34.74		222.15	639.41
Stovall	753.94		16.89	10.40	29.71			114.42	28.06		170.06	91.20	1,214.68	3,135.03
Tabb's Creek	72.55		28.80	20.02	10.46			54.46	10.15		39.30		244.74	658.54
Tally Ho								40.92			6.01	1.00	47.93	505.83
West Oxford	80.00					25.00		94.00	25.00	14.40			238.40	1,017.91

*Slaughter Fund to Home Missions $130.83.
Slaughter Fund to Foreign Missions $130.84.

TABLE VII. CHURCH PROPERTY OF FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Does Your Church Own Its House of Worship?	When Was It Built?	Materials Used	Persons Seated	No. of Rooms	Dept. Assembly Rooms	No. Separate Class Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastor's Home	Total Value All Church Property	Amount of Insurance Carried
Amis Chapel	Wilie S. Younge, Virgilina, Va., R. 3	Yes	1885	W	300	1	----	----	$ 3,000	$	$ 3,000	$
Bethany	D. M. Cash, Rougemont	Yes	1883	W	300	1	----	----	1,500		1,500	
Bullock	C. G. Royster, Bullock	Yes	1929	B	250	13	2	12	9,000	2,800	11,800	4,000
Concord	C. C. Currin, Northside	Yes	1805	W	250	1	----	----	1,500		1,500	
Corinth	G. C. Land, Oxford, R. 2	Yes	1927	B-W	400	5	----	4	8,000		8,000	
Creedmoor	Mrs. Fred Fleming, Creedmoor	Yes	1895	W	400	10	1	10	6,615		6,615	3,000
Dexter	E. J. Greene, Oxford, R. 5	Yes	1906	W	200	1	----	----	2,300		2,300	1,500
Enon	J. T. Yancey, Oxford, R. 3	Yes	1917	W	500	10	4	10	8,000	3,000	11,000	6,450
Fellowship	W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor	Yes	1922	W	500	8	1	7	8,000		8,000	
Florence Ave.	S. M. Torian, Virgilina, Va.	Yes	1894	W	450	3	----	2	3,000	6,000	9,000	7,000
Grassy Creek	S. L. Noblin, Nelson, Va.	Yes	1936	B-V	600	13	2	10	18,000		18,000	5,100
Hester	C. N. Hobgood, Oxford, R. 4	Yes	1918	B-V	500	8	----	9	12,000	3,000	15,000	7,500
Island Creek	G. W. Norwood, Henderson, R. 3	Yes	1911	W	500	1	----	----	4,000	1,065	5,065	2,175
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, R. 2	Yes	1902	W	250	1	----	----	2,500		2,500	1,800
Mountain Creek	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, R. 4	Yes	1918	B-V	500	8	----	7	10,000		10,000	4,000
Mt. Harmony	J. R. Jones, Timberlake, R. 1	Yes	1938	W	400	9	----	8	7,000		7,000	1,500
Mt. Zion	N. J. Jones, Oxford, R. 1	Yes	1892	B	500	1	----	----	8,000		8,000	1,800
Olive Branch	Clyde Powell, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	Yes	1826	W	500	5	----	----	4,000		4,000	
Olive Grove	R. C. Perry, Northside	Yes	1929	B-V	500	10	----	10	10,000		10,800	
Oxford	Miss Dorothy Royster, Oxford	Yes	1927	B	800	58	7	47	140,000	12,000	160,000	69,000
Peace's Chapel	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, R. 2	Yes	1890	W	400	8	----	8	3,000		3,000	1,800
Pleasant Grove	W. H. Fuller, Creedmoor	Yes	----	W	500	1	----	----	2,000		2,000	1,000
Poplar Creek	Mrs. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, R. 4	Yes	1863	W	400	1	----	----	3,200		3,200	
Providence	J. T. Watkins, Oxford, R. 2	Yes	1907	W	500	5	----	4	3,500		3,500	1,800
Rock Grove	M. O. Yarboro, Roxboro, R. 2	Yes	1906	W	300	4	----	4	2,000		2,000	
Rock Spring	Russell Greene, Clarksville, Va., R. 1	Yes	1886	R-V	300	6	1	5	4,000		4,000	2,500
Sharon	R. S. Greenway, Virgilina, Va., R. 2	Yes	1938	W	275	5	----	4	3,200		3,200	2,000
Stovall	Marrow Stovall, Stovall	Yes	1928	B-W	500	14	2	12	18,800	1,072	19,872	8,000
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, R. 3	Yes	1906	W	300	1	----	----	1,760		1,760	1,500
Tally Ho	G. D. Wilkins, Stem	Yes	----	W	300	1	----	----	1,500		1,500	1,000
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	Yes	1912	W	350	11	2	11	6,000		6,000	1,750

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Constitution Flat River Association

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in the respective letters.

Article 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Article 3. The officers shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be elected by the lifting of the hand annually at the opening Session of the Association.

Article 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of church received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Article 5. The Clerk shall call the roll of delegates, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, receive money contributed by the churches for the printing of Minutes and for postage, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order. In the absence of the Moderator the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall preside.

Article 5. The Clerk shall receive a stipulated remuneration for his services of compiling the Minutes.

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By-Laws

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

10. Any member of a church of this Association may be elected as Moderator, Clerk, or Treasurer whether delegate or not.

Pastors

M. L. Banister	Albert S. Lamn
J. W. Cummins	John McCrimmon
Joe B. Currin	C. H. Norris
E. W Greene	W. D. Poe
E. R. Harris	I. C. Stroud
R. W. Hovis	C. A. Upchurch
C. F. Hudson	E. G. Usry
L. R. Jordan	J. M. Walker

Messengers 1944 Session

AMIS CHAPEL—Mrs. W. L. Clark, W. E. Cannady, Mrs. Lewis Garner.
BETHANY—Mrs. A. C. Day.
BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, Mrs. T. W. Allen.
BULLOCK—G. W. Royster.
CONCORD—C. C. Currin, Leon Coley.
CORINTH—P. C. Blackley, Mrs. R. F. Currin.
CREEDMOOR—W. W. Whitfield, Mrs. C. J. Mangum, Mrs. E. E. Mangum.
DEXTER—I. T. Greene.
ENON—R. T. Critcher, Mrs. R. T. Critcher, Mrs. L. H. Knott.
FELLOWSHIP—Alvace Whitaker, Miss Lela Hobgood, Miss Myrtle Whitaker.
FLORENCE AVE.—Mrs. Ellen Wilkins.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. C. D. Winston, Mrs. R. C. Pittard, Mrs. Woody Boyd.
HESTER—N. F. Hobgood, Fred H. Currin, Mrs. Sterling Carrington.
ISLAND CREEK—L. J. Shanks, M. D. Woody.
KNOTT'S GROVE—J. F. Dean, Mrs. J. F. Dean, Mrs. William Dean.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—
MT. HARMONY—Mrs. W. B. Jones, Mrs. Sim Peed, Mrs. Drewey Thomas.
MT. ZION—Rev. E. D. Gooch, N. J. Jones, J. S. Rudder.
OLIVE BRANCH—John Melton, Miss Irene Clark, Miss Ann Gillis.
OLIVE GROVE—W. D. Emory.
OXFORD—B. D. Bunn, Mrs. Melvin Currin, T. S. Royster.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Clifton Walters, L. S. Tilley, C. M. Gresham.
PLEASANT GROVE—L. F. Newton.
POPLAR CREEK—Mrs. Amos Parrott, Mrs. I. W. Nutt, Mrs. J. M. Capps.
PROVIDENCE—C. H. Piper, Glenn Daniel.
ROCK GROVE—
ROCK SPRING—Mrs. W. H. Greene.
SHARON—John R. Williams.
STOVALL—Roger Currin, Harold O'Brien, Mrs. Calvin Frazier.
TABB'S CREEK—H. W. Currin, Mrs. C. J. Critcher.
TALLY HO—O. G. Clayton, Mrs. Fred Daniel.
WEST OXFORD—D. E. Long, W. D. Pendleton, Mrs. E. G. Usry.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-First Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Bullock Church October 3, 10:00 A. M.

Song, "Marching to Zion".

The Lord's Prayer by the congregation.

Song, "Higher Ground".

On motion Brassfield Church is accepted in full fellowship into the Association.

Roll Call of Pastors and Messengers.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. M. L. Banister, chairman of the Executive Committee is called to the chair and on motion Rev. W. D. Poe is elected Moderator, and Sam A. Howard, Clerk. On motion the resignation of Mr. John N. Watkins, Treasurer, is accepted and that office combined with that of Clerk.

On motion the suggested program is adopted.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

This report is read by Rev. E. R. Harris and adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Baptist Hospital is located at Winston-Salem. It is well located, near the center of the State, so as to be accessable to all sections of the State. The Hospital has a bed capacity of three hundred, and is equipped with the most modern appliances. It also has an adequate staff of Doctors and Nurses.

About two-thirds of the cost of running the hospital is derived from patients who pay for their treatment. The service or charity patients are financed by one dollar a day from the Duke Foundation and the balance, about three-fourths of the cost is paid by the Mothers Day offering by the churches and Sunday Schools. Besides this the W. M. U's and other organizations furnish quantities of hospital linen.

It is the constant effort of the hospital to create and maintain a definite Christian atmosphere always. The Nursing staff conducts religious services each day in the Nurses' home. In addition to these services, they have well organized young peoples church activities. There is also a constant visitation of the ministers. Then there is a full time pastor of the Hospital, Rev. Charles E. Parker. Mr. C. M. Scott, of High Point pays his full salary.

We would recommend that the churches and Sunday Schools give a generous offering to the Hospital on Mother's Day to enable it to do more for the service patients.

Edwin R. Harris.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This report is read by Rev. L. R. Jordan, discussed by Mr. R. H. Satterfield and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The circulation of the Biblical Recorder at present is over 26,000. That is to say we have made a net gain in the last year of around 8,500. This gain is attributed principally to the enthusiastic support of a large number of the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists.

As to the financing of the RECORDER, we can say with great joy that for the past twelve months it has been self-supporting. The State Convention had set aside the amount of $8,000 for its support, but the RECORDER did not have to draw any from this amount. This is indeed gratifying.

The RECORDER has three simple subscription plans: $2.00 a year for individual subscriptions; $1.50 a year for clubs—a minimum of at least three subscriptions is required for every church reporting less than a hundred members and five subscriptions for every church reporting more than a hundred members; $1.20 a year for the budget or family plan—one subscription for each active, resident church family is required. We hope that pastors, superintendents, deacons, Training Union, and W. M. U. leaders will do what they can to encourage a good club in every Baptist church; or, better still, to persuade the churches to inaugurate the budget plan.

L. R. Jordan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This report is read by Rev. Joe B. Currin, discussed by Dr. Carlyle Campbell and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We now have six Baptist colleges in this state. And within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are two seminaries, a Bible institute and a training school for the education and training of our future leaders. All of these educational institutions are doing a wonderful work in the preparation of future pastors, teachers, missionaries and a host of others who will be leaders in various walks of life.

And let us not forget that the way the leaders go the people go!

The enrollment in our Baptist institutions in this state for the year 1942-1943 including the summer schools of 1943 were as follows: Wake Forest 1408; Meredith 540; Mars Hill 973; Campbell 437; Wingate-Gardner Webb (association owned) 141. Among these were 167 ministerial students and 95 student volunteers.

Several of these colleges are offering us an opportunity to enter more fully into the furtherance of this work for the Master. They are asking for greatly increased endowments. This is our opportunity to do through others what we can not do ourselves in the preparation of trained Christian leaders.

Joe B. Currin.

MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. is read by Mrs. Fred Phipps, Associational Superintendent.

The report on State Missions is read by Rev. R. W. Hovis.

The report on Home Missions is read by Rev. J. W. Cummins.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Rev. E. G. Usry.

These reports are discussed as a whole by Dr. Bunn Olive and adopted.

REPORT OF W. M. U.

As we review the work of the past year we are conscious of God's goodness and mercy. And we are grateful for the kindness and cooperation of our associates in this work.

Now, as never before we need to go forward, pray more, do more, and give more, not of just money but self.

Our watchword for the year is "Laborers together with God that the generations to come might know". How important it is that we so live and build today that the generations to come may have a firm and lasting foundation upon which to build.

We are glad to report there has been some gain in each phase of our work. The increased interest among our young people is apparent. Thirty attended the G. A. house party and R. A. house party and R. A. camp at Meredith. Ten girls went to Ridgecrest.

There is an increase of 254 more subscriptions to our Missionary periodicals and the Recorder. Dexter and Knott's Grove reported 100 per cent women resident members having made a gift to missions.

A church School of Missions was held at Olive Branch and Rock Grove, these were well planned and well attended, there were 185 present in the seven classes at Olive Branch.

A-1 Societies are W. M. S., Providence, Stovall, Mt. Zion; Y. W. A., Mt. Zion; G. A., Stovall— R. A., Mt. Zion, Oxford; Sunbeams, Mt. Zion, Oxford.

Miss Viola Jones has served as president of Mt. Zion W. M. S. for the past seven

years without missing a meeting. We are proud of this record and of the splendid work that she is doing.

Our Annual Meeting was held with the Stovall Church April 20th. Theme for the day: Face Today—Plan for Tomorrow. Our visiting speakers were Mrs. J. S. Farmer, D. A. S. Gillespie and Miss Helen Keller. We are grateful to Mrs. U. P. Cutts for the special music and the R. A's. and G. A's. all of Stovall for the playlet, "The World Calls for Christ", directed by Mrs. Jack Pittard and Mrs. Calvin Frazier.

The following new officers were elected, Y. P. Leader Miss Velma Woody, Oxford, Mission Study Ch., Mrs. Fielding Knott, Oxford, Rt. 2, Community Mission Ch., Mrs. J. M. Walker, Stovall, Margaret Fund and Training School, Mrs. J. W. Cummins, Stovall Rd., Oxford.

Total gifts for the year $5,188.43.

As we face today and plan for tomorrow may we do so with courage for we know that God will give us strength for every task. Paul said, "I can do all things thru Christ whch strengtheneth me". With faith because He said if we have faith the size of a grain of mustard seed we can remove mountains, with love for God is love with vision that the generations to come might know.

Mrs. Fred A. Phipps, Supt.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

It may be well to list here some of the activities of State Missions. There are about eleven different phases of its work which are as follows: General Missionaries, of which we have two—Revs. J. C. Pipes of Asheville and E. L. Spivey of Charlotte; Associational Missionaries, of which there are several but should be more; Aid on Church Buildings and in the Purchase of Lots; Teaching and Training as carried on by the Sunday School, Training Union and Student Union Divisions; Ministry to Other Races—the Negro and the Indian; Ministry to the Sick in State Institutions; Promotion of Schools and Conferences for Pastors; Promotion of Christian Work in and around the Military Camps; Support of Allied Church League; and General Mission Work not included in the above. All of these objects are highly worthwhile, and should be fostered and supported far more than we have done heretofore.

Our people of Flat River Association have manifested a wholesome attitude toward the splendid work of State Missions, but there is ample room to do much more. Let us give both ourselves and of our Saviour's Great Commission as it applies to our State Mission Program. There is practically no limit to His Great Work when we surrender all to Him. As we pray for His Kingdom's advancement and for His Will to be done "in earth as it is in heaven", let us add substantial evidence to our expressions of faith in His Eternal Gospel of Salvation to the regions about us and "unto the uttermost part of the earth". We can do this by giving our full support and wholehearted cooperation to the Great Missionary Program.

R. W. Hovis.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board has 514 Missionaries working in 1,050 Churches, in Mission Stations in the Southern Baptist Convention, in Cuba, and Central America.

Missionaries of the board are working among the Spanish, Indians, French, Italians, Negroes, Jews, Chinese, Japanese, Mountain people and underprivileged groups.

The Home Mission Board is cooperating with the State Mission Boards in the selection and support of workers for the City Mission program and the Country Church program.

Southern Baptists are faced with a great challenge, and opportunity to make Christ known to the ends of the earth, and to help establish a strong spiritual front at home. To meet this challenge, the year of 1945, which is the Centennial year of the Southern Baptist Convention. has been designated at the time for a special Southwide evangelistic campaign.

J. W. Cummins

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We must be obedient to the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, to "make deciples of all nations". During the dark days of the present, the Foreign Mission Board has been preparing for the dawn of a new day, in world missions. Early in 1943 the indebtedness of the Board, which at that time had exceeded $1,620,000, including some debts in mission lands was paid in full. We are glad to report that a year later the Board had accumulated a reserve of approximately $1,000,000. Every dollar of this and far more will be needed, when the war closes, to rebuild our missionary work in Europe and in the Orient, to meet the extraordinarily heavy cost in getting missionaries to and from mission fields and to care for increased expenses due to tremendous inflation in China.

Since December 1937, Southern Baptists have given $1,340,820.00 for relief purposes around the world. The amount given for this purpose since January first last year exceeds one half million dollars, of which $100,000 has been set apart for relief work in Europe and $100,000 for China, in addition to large amounts already sent to those lands where there is much suffering and sorrow. The income for the current work of the Board for 1943 was $1,530,318.48. The total Lottie Moon Christmas offering for 1943 reached $761,269.79. Since April 1943, fifty-two missionaries have been appointed to Southern Baptist foreign mission fields. The Foreign Mission Board now has 502 missionaries in active service. This list does not include ninety, Emeritus missionaries.

Approximately 1,000 Army Chaplains who are now in the army have indicated their desire to go out after the war as missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention.

E. G. Usry.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

This report is read by Rev. M. L. Banister, discussed by him and Rev. E. N. Gardner. The report is adopted and on motion the Association votes to adopt the budget goal suggested by the State Board.

THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

Co-operation is the word of the day. The war, which now grips the whole world, has taught a lesson in co-operation, which churches will do well to emulate. If the Allied Nations of the world had not co-operated with each other we would now be under the tyranical rule of the most ruthless dictator the world has ever known. The Allied Nations have co-operated in material supplies and in man power; and the amazing thing about such co-operation is that the barriers of races and languages, and nationalities, and religions have had to be surmounted. We Southern Baptists do not have any of these barriers to overcome. We speak the same language, we live under the same form of government, we are of the same family, we are motivated by the same church polity. Therefore it should be easy for the local churches, and the District Association, and the State and Southern Baptist Convention to co-operate with each other in our financial gifts to all of our causes. But there is one danger that has appeared on the horizon, and that is the extra appeals

for emergencies and the rise in taxes, which the war has created. The war has imposed heavy burdens of taxation upon the people, and calls for many forms of relief are coming frequently. We shall have to watch these extra calls lest they undermine our Co-operative Program by diverting our gifts from the objects which our denomination supports to these emergencies which have been created by the war. We must continue to give to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Christian Education, Hospitals, Orphanages, and Aged Ministers' Relief, and the best method Southern Baptists have ever used to give these causes their proportionate support is the Co-operative Program. So we urge each of the churches of the Flat River Association to continue giving through the Program in order that every phase of our work may prosper.

M. L. Baniser.

GENERAL MATTERS

The Moderator recognized the following: Rev. W. D. Crane, of Concord Association, Va., Rev. John Arch McMillan, Dr. Bunn Olive, Dr. Carlyle Campbell.

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Committee on Time and Place: Rev. R. W. Hovis, W. E. Cannady, N. J. Jones.

Committee on Resolutions: Rev. C. H. Norris, Rev. E. D. Gooch, C. D. Winston.

Remarks by Rev. J. M. Walker, host to the Association.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. W. D. Crane.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name".

Prayer by Rev. E. W. Greene.

Song, "My Jesus I Love Thee".

Special prayer for the men and women in service by Rev. E. R. Harris.

ORPHANAGE

This report is read by Rev. E. W. Greene, discussed by Rev. John Arch McMillan and adopted.

REPORT OF BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Our two officials of the Orphanage are Mr. I. G. Greer, General Supt. and Mr. R. D. Covington, Treasurer. They both maintain their offices at Thomasville on the grounds of the Mills Home. We have two homes; the Mills Home, at Thomasville, and the Kennedy Home at Kinston, however, we have only one Treasurer which handles the finance for both Homes.

We have a director of Social Service; she and her assistants receive all applications, but the final decision is left up to the Superintendent and if accepted is sent to a Boarding Home, Mothers Aid Home, or the Orphanage. These then are well-recognized methods of caring for children.

Much attention is given to the proper feeding of these children by the ones in

charge. By regular hours, good food, and the cooperation of teachers, matrons, their health is far above the average for the state, as a result contagious diseases are almost extinct; no one is hardly ever kept from school because of sickness. Their record (childrens) is almost 100 per cent when they are put before the examining board of Uncle Sams induction center for the armed forces.

The farming is successful; with their scientific method of rotation, production has increased until a quart of milk per day for each child is produced along with thousands of quarts of fruits and vegetables which is canned for their consumption in winter, a part of this canning is done by the Baptist of North Carolina.

The church has a vital part in this work; the church or Sunday School with its once a month offering along with the W. M. S.; Training Union, G. A's., R. A's., Y. W. A's., Sunbeams, and the Thanksgiving offering are the only methods of support that the Orphanage has.

Charity and Children which is published at the Orphanage by the children, with the aid of the supervisors, is a great asset to the Orphanage, and is widely read by N. C. Baptist.

E. W. Greene.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND TRAINING

Their report is read by Rev. J. M. Walker.

Motion is made and carried that Association recommends each church to send and pay expenses of one worker to Ridgecrest. On motion the Association recommends that the churches consider employing an Associational Worker. The report is adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT TO THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

The Flat River Association had a gain of 45 in enrollment last year. Yet, we in the Flat River have only 4,294 enrolled in our Sunday Schools in the 31 churches. We have 8,809 members of the churches. Considering the fact that there has been enrolled a large number who are not members of the churches, and some children too young to unite with the church, we see a real task of enlistment before us. Dr. Jeff Ray has repeatedly said, "If you get good singing and a live Sunday School in a rural church, the Devil cannot hurt it very much".

Here are some sugestions that will be helpful, it seems to me much progress has been made along the first line. It is in regard to the building of equipment that will care for a modern Sunday School and educational program. All but eleven of our churches have built Sunday School rooms of one kind or another. Others have in mind a building program after the war, and are now raising the money. Second, it will be wise for each church to study the most modern methods being used by our Sunday School Board and its workers. They will include the use of regular study courses for officers and teachers, enlargement campaigns, an annual Daily Vacation Bible School attendance to the State Sunday School Convention by representatives from every church.

J. Marshall Walker.

REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLES WORK

The second general set-up for Young People's Work in the S. B. C. is in the Baptist Training Union. It has for its goal the task of training in church membership. When it is tried and carried on it proves itself a vital and effective organization with many gratifying results.

There were reported in 1943 the sum of 13,415 churches in the South with one or more Training Unions. This number represented a loss of 1,020 over 1942. The Story Hour was the only department that showed an increase. It gained 186 new units and 2,229 new members in enrollment. This gave it a total of 6,589 units and 65,844 members. The Junior Department reveals a loss of 186 unions leaving 11,090 with an enrollment of 152,088. The enrollment dropped 1,177. The Intermediate Department lost 445 unions having 10,614. The enrollment dropped 731 leaving 164,373. A special emphasis is being given to these all important future citizens and churches are urged to observe an "Intermediate Emphasis Week".

The hardest hit department, naturally due to the exigencies of war, is the Young People's Department. A fine spirit is observed, good attendance at Ridgecrest, and some effective work here and there. The number of unions dropped 1,749 leaving 10,696. The enrollment dropped 22,041 leaving 165,025.

Our own Flat River Association has Training Union Work in 7 churches. We stand with four other associations for 49th place in the state out of 71 associations. We find that a conviction grows that we must not stop doing this work, rather we must do it better.

J. Marshall Walker.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Remarks by Rev. E. R. Harris.

The Association votes to incorporate last year's report in the Minutes.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

The first concern of christians with reference to civic righteousness is that it be practiced in their own lives. The greatest foe to christian citizenship in the world today is the whiskey traffic. It has been truthfully said "The liquor traffic would destroy the church if it could, and the church could destroy the liquor traffic if it would." Temperance is as vital to christian citizenship as health is to the body. They succeed or fail, rise or fall, or live or die together. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people, and "If the foundations be destroyed, where will the people stand." Then for preservation of our greatest heritage which is our christian citizenship let us remember the solemn warning, "When the righteous rule the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule the people mourn", and let us elect men to make our laws who promise to use their influence to prohibit the sale of whiskey, wine, and beer, in North Carolina.

E. G. Usry

RELIEF AND RETIREMENT

This report is read by Rev. C. H. Norris, discussed by him and Rev. E. N. Gardner then adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND RETIREMENT

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report of the work of the Relief and Annuity Board. The growth of this Board has been steady and constant since it was founded in 1918. Its ministry of service has grown to such extent that protection against age and infirmity is offered to all those gainfully employed in our complex denominational life. Included in this protection are pastors, missionaries, employees of state and southwide boards, orphanages and hospitals, also

faculties and staffs of seminaries and colleges. About 10,000 now enjoy this protection and the number is increasing by many hundreds each year.

Pertinent Facts:

Annuity Dues Collected during 1943	$1,087,395.26
Membership in Retirement Annuity Plans	over 10,000
Contributing Boards, Churches, and Institutions in Retirement Plans	over 11,000
Benefits—Relief and Annuity during 1944 will aggregate	824,556.00
Income during 1943 from Investments, Dues, Co-operative Program and other sources	1,697,089.24
Total Assets of Board December 31, 1943	6,771,184.31
Total Assets (June 1, 1944)	over $7,000,000.00

Investments: The investments of the Board are in excellent condition. The Board earned 4.22 per cent on its total investments for the year 1943. Its mortgage loans, which have always been amply protected by property values, are now protected by unusually wide margins due to the tremendous increase in real estate values during the past two years.

Relief Department: It being more blessed to give than to receive. They who administered the funds of the relief department had a happy year in 1943. Increased contributions from the churches through the cooperative program made possible two noteworthy achievements. First, every beneficiary on our roll received two extra checks during the year. Second, no application for aid, properly attested, was denied. Receipts for 1943 in this department went beyond $168,000 which was $48,000 more than the year before.

Rev. C. H. Morris.

GENERAL MATTERS

The report on Time and Place is read by the Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Time—Tuesday after the First Sunday in October, 1945.
Place—Mountain Creek Church.

R. W. Hovis
N. J. Jones
W. E. Cannady

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

The report on Resolutions is read by Rev. C. H. Norris, and the Association gives a rising vote of thanks to Bullock Church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that this Association express its appreciation in heartfelt gratitude to Bullock Church and community for the gracious and wholehearted manner in which the Association has been entertained in its 1944 Session.

C. H. Norris
E. D. Gooch
C. D. Winston

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Executive Committee is read by Rev. M. L. Banister, Chairman and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moved that Articles 3, 5, and 6 of the Constitution of Flat River Association be revised to read as follows:

Article 3. The officers shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be elected by the lifting of the hand annually at the opening Session of the Association.

Article 5. The Clerk shall call the roll of delegates, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, receive money contributed by the Churches for the printing of minutes and for postage, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order. In the absence of the Moderator the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall preside.

Article 6. The Clerk shall receive a stipulated remuneration for his services of compiling the minutes.

M. L. Banister

Motion is made and carried to pay the Clerk the usual salary. The report of the Treasurer is read by the Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Brought forward from 1943		$ 89.54
Collected at the Association		140.00
Printing and mailing Minutes	$129.60	
Clerk, Salary	35.00	
Clerk, postage	1.98	
Moderator	5.00	
Mr. Watkins	4.00	
	$175.58	$175.58
Total in Treasury		$ 53.96

J. N. Watkins, Treasurer

The Moderator appoints the Executive Committee, also Standing Committee for 1945.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members at Large—

Rev. M. L. Banister	Oxford
Mrs. W. K. Wood	Creedmoor
Mr. W. H. Upchurch	Oxford
Mr. F. W. Hancock, Sr.	Oxford
Mr. Thomas Hobgood	Oxford, Route 1
Mrs. Edith Fagan Cannady	Oxford

Moderator, Clerk—(Exofficio Members)

Churches—

Amis Chapel	Mr. R. M. Smart, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2
Bethany	Mr. D. M. Cash, Rougemont, Rt. 1
Bullock	Mr. Francis Davis, Bullock
Concord	Mr. R. W. Currin, Northside
Corinth	Mr. G. W. Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2
Creedmoor	Mr. R. H. Rogers, Creedmoor
Dexter	Mr. E. B. Green, Oxford, Rt. 5
Enon	Mr. Sam L. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1
Fellowship	Mr. T. L. O'Briant, Durham
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Ellen Wilkins, Virgilina, Va.
Grassy Creek	Mr. J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.
Hester	Mr. A. B. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2
Island Creek	Mr. Lewis Shanks, Oxford, Rt. 5
Knott's Grove	Mr. John Dean, Oxford, N. C.
Mt. Creek	Mr. R. L. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4
Mt. Harmony	Mr. L. P. Sherman, Rougemont, Rt. 1
Mt. Zion	Rev. E. D. Gooch, Oxford, Rt. 1
Olive Branch	Mr. Mack Gentry, Roxboro
Olive Grove	Mr. John Emory, Northside
Oxford	Mr. B. D. Bunn, Oxford
Peace's Chapel	Mr. W. S. West, Oxford, Rt. 3
Pleasant Grove	Mr. Macy Newton, Hester, Rt.
Poplar Creek	Mr. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4
Providence	Mr. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2
Rock Grove	Mrs. S. T. Slaughter, Roxboro
Rock Spring	Mr. E. J. Knott, Clarksville, Va.
Sharon	Mr. W. A. Sherman, Oxford, Rt. 1
Stovall	Mr. J. B. Pittard, Stovall
Tabb's Creek	Mr. H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 3
Tally Ho	Mr. Harold Stem, Stem
West Oxford	Mr. Lester Oakley, Oxford

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1945

W. M. U. Work	Mrs. W. D. Poe
Religious Literature	Rev. J. W. Cummins
Missions:	
State	Rev. L. R. Jordan
Home	Rev. E. W. Greene
Foreign	Rev. R. W. Hovis
Cooperative Program	Rev. M. L. Banister
Young People's Work	Rev. J. M. Walker
Sunday Schools	Rev. Joe B. Currin
Christian Education	Rev. E. R. Harris
Christian Citizenship	Rev. E. G. Usry
N. C. Baptist Orphanage	Rev. Albert S. Lamn
Baptist Hospital	Rev. C. A. Upchurch
Relief and Retirement	Rev. John McCrimmon
Report of Executive Committee	Rev. M. L. Banister
Report on Obituaries	

A Memorial Service for our beloved dead is lead by Mrs. H. H. Hicks.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

AMIS CHAPEL—Mrs. Lula Mae Pittard.
BRASSFIELD—Mr. J. R. Gooch, Miss Candace Hockaday.
CONCORD—Miss Gilda Clark.
CORINTH—Mrs. E. G. Connell.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. W. R. Allen, Mrs. R. G. Rogers, Mr. A. O. Curl.
DEXTER—Mrs. Sallie Tillotson, Mrs. Lula Faucette, Mr. Millard Williams, Pvt. Robert J. Hobgood, Pvt. Warren Faucette.
ENON—Deacon D. H. Currin, Mrs. Pattie H. Knott, Mr. J. P. Beasley, Mr. Jim Riggan, Miss Lena Gooch, Mrs. Claudia Currin.
FELLOWSHIP—Mrs. L. T. O'Briant.
FLORENCE AVE.—Mr. S. M. Torian, Mr. J. J. Battershill, Mrs. Sallie Bet. Cochran.
GRASSY CREEK—Mr. E. G. Buchanan, Mrs. Tom Elliott, Mrs. Lottie Elliott.
HESTER—Mr. Marvin Currin, Mrs. Fred H. Currin, Pvt. James Currin, Mrs. Cynthia Owen, Lt. Joe M. O'Brien, Mrs. Hattie A. Pruitt, Pvt. Leo Stevenson, Mr. R. C. Watkins, Mrs. R. C. Watkins.
ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. Mattie Tippett, Mr. E. M. Harris, Mrs. C. H. Sneed, Mrs. Emma Shotwell, Mr. Thomas Norwood, Mr. Houston Averette, Mr. Nathan King
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mrs. Ella Wright, Mrs. Joel Woodlief, Pvt. Downey Frazier.
MT. HARMONY—Mr. Thad K. Jones.
MT. ZION—Mrs. E. W. Parrott.
OLIVE BRANCH—Mrs. Estelle Sherman, Mrs. Willie Pool.
OLIVE GROVE—Mrs. Flora Jones.
OXFORD—Deacon C. O. Mainor, Deacon J. Robert Wood, Mrs. W. H. Averette, Mrs. Addie G. Turner, Mrs. G. T. Walters, Mr. E. F. Currin, Mrs. W. T. Currin, Mrs. G. F. Downey, Mrs. F. W. Hancock, Mrs. Jennie S. Powell, Mr. B. F. Frazier, Mr. J. H. Reynolds, Cpl. Charlie Herring, Mr. Bruce Wilson.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. Roy Dickerson, Mrs. N. B. Dickerson.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. R. E. Yeargin, Mr. L. R. Hayes, Mr. B. M. Owen, Deacon S. J. Rogers.
POPLAR CREEK—Mrs. J. U. Fleming.
PROVIDENCE—Mrs. Joe Wheeler, Mrs. Lizzie Arrington, Mr. J. B. Montague, Seaman Julian Satterwhite.
ROCK SPRING—Mr. Tom Caudle.
SHARON—Deacon Charlie Daniel, Miss Sallie Peake, Mrs. Nannie Denny, Mrs. Lizzie Knott, Mr. Henry Huff, Pvt. Eugene Denny.
STOVALL—Mr. Macon Cutts, Mr. Carrol O'Brien.
TABB'S CREEK—Deacon W. T. Blackwell, Deacon J. A. Belcher.
TALLY HO—Mr. Leonidas Clayton, Deacon G. W. Stem.
WEST OXFORD—Mr. Charlie Harris.

MRS. H. H. HICKS, *Committee*

The Association adjourns.

REV. W. D. POE, *Moderator*

SAM A. HOWARD, *Clerk*

SUMMARY TABLE—STATISTICS FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH DIRECTORIES				BAPTISM AND MEMBERS, ETC.								S. S.		TR. U.		W. M. U.		
CHURCHES	When Constituted	Located in City, Town or County?	PASTORS & POST OFFICES	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Non-Resident Members	Revivals During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Total Enrolled	V.B.S. Enrollment	Unions and Story Hrs.	Total All Unions and Story Hours	Total Women's and Children's Orgns.	Total Women's Contributions for All Missions	Value of Church Houses & Grounds
Amis Chapel	1885	C	E. W. Greene, Henderson	2-4	4	243	36	1	4	16	161	____	____	____	5	$ 270.16	$ 2,
Bethany	1883	C	C. F. Hudson, Durham	2	4	42	12	1	1	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	1,
Brassfield	1823	C	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	1-3	____	80	____	1	2	3	53	____	____	____	2	67.45	____
Bullock	1904	V	J. M. Walker, Stovall	1-3	9	155	40	1	4	36	67	____	2	10	2	84.88	9,
Concord	1774	C	E. G. Usry, Oxford	2	3	141	____	1	1	____	35	____	____	____	____	____	1,
Corinth	1832	C	J. W. Cummins, Oxford	2-4	5	181	90	1	2	____	55	____	____	____	4	100.80	8,
Creedmoor	1895	T	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	1-2-4	22	248	37	2	3	7	183	____	____	____	2	100.22	6,
Dexter	1906	V	E. W. Greene, Henderson	2-4	5	266	____	1	2	28	54	____	____	____	5	449.83	2,
Enon	1875	C	W. D. Poe, Oxford	1-3	17	385	____	1	4	25	236	____	____	____	5	368.98	8,
Fellowship	1840	C	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	2-4	1	198	____	1	____	5	107	____	____	____	____	____	8,
Florence Ave.	____	T	E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1-3	1	134	____	1	2	____	95	____	____	____	4	112.25	4,
Grassy Creek	1757	C	J. W. Cummins, Oxford	2-4	15	436	____	1	4	6	189	____	____	____	4	168.01	18,
Hester	1823	C	W. D. Poe, Oxford	1-2-4	18	485	____	1	4	20	200	____	____	____	5	437.42	12,
Island Creek	1911	C	J. M. Walker, Stovall	2-4	20	518	100	1	3	100	244	____	____	____	5	775.11	4,
Knott's Grove	1901	C	J. W. Cummins, Oxford	1-3	9	87	____	1	2	4	40	____	____	____	1	117.50	3,
Mountain Creek	1860	C	J. W. Cummins, Oxford	1-3	18	472	150	1	3	15	190	____	1	25	5	178.02	10,
Mt. Harmony	____	C	R. W. Hovis, Roxboro	1-3	15	229	____	1	2	3	145	____	____	____	1	____	7,
*Mt. Zion	____	V	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	1-3	8	264	____	1	2	12	173	____	____	____	5	263.67	8,
Olive Branch	____	C	Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	2-4	21	310	____	1	1	7	203	____	____	____	6	112.15	5,
Olive Grove	1929	C	I. C. Stroud, Wake Forest	1-3	____	226	____	____	3	8	78	____	____	____	____	____	10,
Oxford	1848	T	M. L. Banister, Oxford	E	40	1173	324	____	4	70	484	145	3	46	7	6,760.74	148,
Peace's Chapel	1887	C	E. G. Usry, Oxford	4	20	340	____	1	2	28	100	____	____	____	1	28.69	3,
Pleasant Grove	1858	C	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	2-4	6	216	25	1	1	____	83	____	1	30	1	23.17	2,
Poplar Creek	1863	C	John McCrimmon, Henderson	1-4	6	95	____	1	2	6	31	20	____	____	1	32.50	3,
Providence	1907	V	J. W. Cummins, Oxford	2-4	12	260	____	1	3	16	151	____	1	25	4	181.04	3,
Rock Grove	1906	C	Joe B. Currin, Roxboro	1-3	3	176	____	1	2	8	68	____	____	____	4	____	2,
Rock Spring	1886	C	A. S. Lamn, Punn	1-3	13	306	200	1	3	12	83	____	____	____	2	75.96	6,
Sharon	1896	C	E. G. Usry, Oxford	1	10	222	28	1	2	13	121	____	____	____	2	79.72	3,
Stovall	1886	V	J. M. Walker, Stovall	E	26	626	125	1	4	119	290	____	5	70	6	1,146.86	18,
Tabb's Creek	1906	C	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	3	8	178	____	1	4	6	93	____	____	____	4	88.10	1,
Tally Ho	____	C	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	1-3	2	241	____	1	2	____	70	____	____	____	1	55.41	1,
West Oxford	1912	T	E. G. Usry, Oxford	E	16	208	63	1	4	____	222	____	____	____	1	58.02	6,
				____	357	9141	1230	31	82	573	4304	165	13	206	95	$12,136.66	$246

*Slaughter Fund to Pastors Salary $20.00 To State Missions $84.84. To Foreign Missions $84.84.

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Constitution Flat River Association

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in the respective letters.

Article 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Article 3. The officers shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be elected by the lifting of the hand annually at the opening Session of the Association.

Article 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of church received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Article 5. The Clerk shall call the roll of delegates, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, receive money contributed by the churches for the printing of Minutes and for postage, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order. In the absence of the Moderator the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall preside.

Article 5. The Clerk shall receive a stipulated renumeration for his services of compiling the Minutes.

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By-Laws

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

10. Any member of a church of this Association may be elected as Moderator, Clerk, or Treasurer whether delegate or not.

Pastors

M. L. Banister	E. M. Powell
E. W. Greene	R. T. Smith
E. R. Harris	I. C. Stroud
L. R. Jordan	W. I. Terrell
A. S. Lamm	C. A. Upchurch
C. H. Norris	E. G. Usry
W. D. Poe	J. M. Walker

Messengers 1945 Session

AMIS CHAPEL—
BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, Mrs. T. W. Allen.
BULLOCK—George Royster, Mrs. George Royster, Will Walker.
CONCORD—Leon Coley, Mrs. Maurice Fleming, Mrs. Leon Coley.
CORINTH—Mrs. F. H. Averett.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. W. K. Wood.
DEXTER—S. M. Green, I. T. Green.
ENON—J. T. Yancey, Mrs. J. T. Yancey.
FELLOWSHIP—Miss Myrtle Whitaker, J. H. Perry, Miss Lela Hobgood.
FLORENCE AVE.—Mrs. W. D. Amis, R. E. Amis, Miss Catherine Amis.
GRASSY CREEK—J. J. Moore, J. A. Timberlake, Mrs. George T. Winston.
HESTER—N. F. Hobgood, E. G. Hobgood, F. H. Currin.
ISLAND CREEK—G. B. Shotwell, S. E. Wilson.
KNOTT'S GROVE—J. F. Dean, Mrs. J. F. Dean.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—John S. Watkins, D. A. Parham, J. S. Overton.
MT. ZION—N. J. Jones, Mrs. Graham Daniel, Mrs. Garland Parham.
OLIVE GROVE—P. S. Horton, Thurman Brinkley, Mrs. Thurman Brinkley.
OXFORD—Mrs. J. Frank Bragg, A. H. Waller, Luther Davis.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—C. M. Gresham, Ed Simmons, L. B. Newton.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. W. H. Fuller, Elbert Averette, Mrs. Elbert Averette.
POPLAR CREEK—R. M. Boyd.
PROVIDENCE—Miss Lila Piper, Mrs. J. T. Watkins.
ROCK SPRING—W. H. Greene, George Wilson.
SHARON—N. M. Humphreys, R. S. Greenway, Baxter Huff.
STOVALL—G. F. Breedlove, O. B. Chandler, Mrs. W. C. Frazier.
TABB'S CREEK—C. W. Hobgood, Mrs. C. W. Hobgood, Mrs. J. F. Currin.
TALLY HO—Mrs. J. A. Newton.
WEST OXFORD—W. O. Dickerson, D. G. Thompson, John Beasley.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred and Fifty-Second Annual

Session Flat River Association

Held With

Mountain Creek Church

MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Second Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convenes with Mountain Creek Church October 9, 10:00 A. M.

Song, "Crown Him Lord of All." "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Prayer, Rev. E. G. Usry.

Scripture, The Moderator.

Song, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Roll Call of Pastors and Messengers.

ORGANIZATION

On motion the Clerk acts as Moderator and Rev. W. D. Poe is elected Moderator of this Association.

On motion Sam A. Howard is elected Clerk and Treasurer.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

This report is read and discussed by Rev. Charles Parker of the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. On motion the report is adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient May 28, 1923. Originally planned as a 100-bed institution, it was enlarged in 1942 to a capacity of 247 beds and 55 bassinets.

The Baptist Hospital operates one of the fullest approved schools of nursing in the South, and at the present time has an enrollment of about 150 young ladies receiving professional training under Christian auspices. The students are selected under very high standards. These students come from all over North Carolina and represent the highest type of womanhood—mentally—physically and morally. While the most rigid scientific training is given the girls, the hospital takes great pride in the Christian and humane attitude it develops in these girls.

Of the 8,000 patients admitted as bed patients each year, slightly over 4000 of those are service patients who pay no doctor's fee, and who pay but a slight portion of their hospital expenses. During 1944 approximately 3,000 of these service patients paid absolutely nothing toward their hospital bill. It is toward the expense of these patients that the money given on Mother's Day each year is used. In addition to the free bed patients the hospital, as stated above, gives diagnostic examinations to approximately 20,000 free patients who are not admitted to the hospital each year. The cost to the hospital of free service rendered during 1944 was $198,648.92.

Charles Parker.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This report is read by Rev. R. T. Smith, discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Till I come give attendance to reading. I Tim. 4:13a

In these words did Paul admonish Timothy the young preacher. Of course Paul probably meant for Timothy to be sure and read the scriptures. Some even suggest that the apostle was telling the young man to pay attention to the public reading of God's word. This may be true, but I believe Paul was doing more. He was telling Timothy to read. Read God's word, surely, but not just God's word. Read that by all means, and read any and everything else helpful to a young preacher or to a christian. And I believe the words hold good advice for all christians today. I believe the Lord Jesus would say to us all today, "Till I come give attendance to reading."

Our reading today, however, can be much more varied and profitable than was Timothy's. We have a greater portion of the Holy Scripture to read than he had, and we also have many other valuable books, papers, and magazines from which to read. Among these valuable papers is the "Biblical Recorder" our own state denominational paper. The "Recorder" today has a circulation of nearly 34,000. This is very good compared to last year's circulation which was something over 26,000, but it does not represent our attainment of a final goal. There are 565,916 Baptists in North Carolina according to *Southern Baptist Handbook,* 1945. This number contains about 150,000 families. Certainly all would agree that the "Biblical Recorder" should go into every Baptist home in North Carolina. Thus we see that the circulation of the "Recorder" is about one-fifth what it could be.

In addition to this there is the "Charity and Children" published by our Orphanage at Thomasville. The Foreign Mission Board publishes "The Commission", a monthly magazine dealing with foreign missions. "The Home Mission Magazine" is published by the Home Mission Board. The Sunday School Board publishes "The Quarterly Review," "Open Windows", "Training Union Magazine", and several others. Any and all of these are good periodicals and should have a large place in the reading of our people.

R. Talmage Smith.

The Moderator recognizes the following visitors: Dr. Satterfield of Meredith; Dr. Easly of Wake Forest and Rev. and Mrs. J. U. Teague.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This report is read by Rev. E. R. Harris, discussed by Dr. Easly and Dr. Satterfield then adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The earliest, most lasting impressions are made in the home. If the home is a Christian home, the child is fairly grounded in the principles of the Christian religion before it is effected much by the outside world. The parent said to his son, who was going away from home: "Don't forget your home background." He didn't. We should see to it that that background is all that it should be Spiritually. We are admonished in the Old Testament: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."—Duet. 6:4-7.

In the New Testament Paul exhorts Timothy: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Paul was referring to the teaching done in the home by Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice.

The Church with all of its organizations is constantly teaching the Word of God and leading the lost to salvation in Christ. Its work is preaching, teaching, training. No other organization can take the place of the Church in Christian Education. We should hear the call when we are told, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

Edwin R. Harris.

MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. is read by Mrs. W. D. Poe.

The report on State Missions is read by Rev. L. R. Jordan.

The report on Home Missions is read by Rev. E. W. Greene.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Rev. C. H. Norris.

The report on Cooperative Program is read by Rev. M. L. Banister.

After prayer by Dr. Carpenter, these reports are discussed by him, Rev. C. H. Norris, Rev. M. L. Banister, then adopted as a whole.

THE REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

In this our Centennial year when we think of what progress has been made in these years of our organization we would first of all express our gratitude to God for the rich blessings bestowed on us, for the great opportunities that have been ours to serve. We humbly acknowledge that we have fallen far short of possible achievements, and we feel keenly our responsibility as Laborers together with Christ, realizing that we have the everlasting gospel and our commission is to preach unto them that dwell upon the earth; to every nation and kindred, and tongue and people.

Only three churches have no W. M. S., about half have Junior Organizations.

Endeavoring to carry out a well-rounded program, our union sponsors first of all, Community Missions, which in simple terms means "Christlike Living in Our Own Communities"; Going About Doing Good"; "Striving to Win the Lost and Indifferent"; "Caring for the Needy"; "Practicing the Profession of Christianity."

Woman's Missionary Union sponsors special seasons of prayer and offerings each year. Home Missions in March, in memory of Miss Annie Armstrong, Christian Education at Heck Memorial in June, in which we honor the memory of Miss Fannie Heck. State Missions in September, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions in December. About 90 per cent of our W. M. organizations contribute and observe these special seasons of prayer.

Through the treasuries of our local churches we give regularly to the undesignated Co-operative Program. This year, nearly 100 per cent of our organizations are reporting gifts each quarter. For the first three quarters of 1945, gifts reported to Co-operative Program have increased 60 per cent over the reported gifts for first three quarters of 1944. There has been a gain of 150 per cent in special gifts over the same period.

Four societies report gifts through Centennial Thank Offering, nine societies report gifts to World Relief, some giving every quarter to this cause. More tithers are reporting though the number is still far too small. Let us strive to fix the habit of tithing on our children by precept and example. Mission study classes are increasing, especially those for the juniors and young people.

Boys and girls are attending our state camps, and many are advancing in rank through study of the scriptures designated in their forward steps.

There is no more important task confronting women today than Christian training of our young people. As never before we must maintain Christian homes, where they may learn co-operation, forbearance, patience, usefulness and the will to share with and serve others. If right relationships are first established in the home, they will be prepared and fortified for the tests that will come. By Bible study, sacred music and conversation we must so relate the home and the church that they are naturally associated the one with the other.

Someone has said that mother's knee is the best theological seminary—most of life's important lessons are learned either at mothers' knee or across it. Character is formed in earliest years and impressions gained abide throughout life. Christian homes are the bulwarks of our nation.

"Although a people falters through the dark
And nations grope
With God himself back of our homes
We still can hope."

Mrs. W. D. Poe.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

"The purpose of State Missions is to provide a program of activities in which each of the churches can share to the end that Christ may become regnant in North Carolina in all relationships." This is done by fostering the following activities:

1. Aid to missionary pastors who are located in needy and strategic places. During the year ending September 1944, we had 65 pastors who were thus being aided. These pastors were serving 121 churches, in which they preached nearly 6,000 sermons, made around 22,000 visits, and reported 902 baptisms. These churches paid on pastors' salaries and church buildings $135,760, and gave to Convention causes $34,292.

2. The State Mission program provides for three general missionaries who assist the General Secretary in the promotion of all the work of the Convention. These missionaries are: J. C. Pipes, E. L. Spivey, and Earle L. Bradley.

3. The State Mission program seeks to aid in the purchasing of lots for church buildings in growing sections of our cities and in rural districts where a new church is being established.

4. The Convention assists the Negro Baptists of the State and promotes work among the Indians in Robeson County.

5. The Convention provides for a visitation program for the sick in the Veterans' Hospital at Oteen and in the sanatoriums at Aberdeen and Black Mountain, and ministers to the girls at Samarcan through Brother E. M. Harris.

6. The Convention cooperates with many of the associations in providing for Association Missionaries.

7. The Convention co-operates with the Home Mission Board in the work of City Missions. There are at present four such centers in North Carolina: Raleigh, Greensboro, Durham, and Charlotte.

8. The State Mission program also sponsors Christian Education in the churches through the Sunday School, Training Union, and student Union Divisions.

9. Other items that come under the head of our State Mission program are the work of the Allied Church League, Pastors' Schools and Conferences, and the North Carolina Radio Hour.

L. R. Jordan.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board maintains as large a force of men and women as they are able to support with the funds that we put at their disposal.

We have missionaries working with the following people, Spanish, Indian, French, Italians, Jews, Chinese, Japanese, Mountain people, underprivileged groups and the Negroes.

We as Southern Baptist are faced with one of the greatest problems that we have ever had to face, trying in our feeble way, led by the Holy Spirit, to bring a convincing, converting and a comforting Gospel which we have full access to through Gods word and surrendered lives. 1945 is nearly gone but we still have a few months left in which we are able to do much towards making our Centennial year one of the greatest soul winning years of Southern Baptist History. Some one will say: How can this be done? The answer is, Live under the constant presence of God each day and then money and workers will be provided for the work of our Home Mission.

E. W. Greene.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board is free from the bondage of debt, for the first time since 1879. The year 1943 showed no interest paid by this organization for borrowed money.

Southern Baptist on the threshold of their second century of Missionary Service face the greatest challenge and opportunity confronting any christian group or organization since Pentecost. The words of the Apostle John on Patmos to the church at Philadelphia are highly appropriate to Southern Baptist at this hour. "Behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

Since its organization the Foreign Mission Board has sent out 1265 Missionaries. Southern Baptist now have approximately 540 active Missionaries under appointment. One to every ten thousand Baptists in our membership. We are averaging a little above 50 cents per capita for Foreign Missions.

Can we call ourselves Missionary Baptists when our response in life and money is so meager, and so insignificant in comparison with the blessings we have received?

We must give the gospel to all nations that have been our enemies in war. Then in Christ they will be our brothers.

The world must have Christ the Prince of Peace, or we will be headed for the 3rd World War.

Rev. C. H. Norris.

REPORT ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

Co-operation is essential for the success of any movement. We have seen recently what co-operation can do. The Allied Nations co-operated with each other and won the greatest victory over the most formidable military power the world has ever known. There would not have been a V-E Day and a V-J Day had not these nations co-operated with each other on both the home and military fronts. Another great example of co-operation was the recent Conference in San Francisco. More than fifty nations' representatives sat around the table together for more than two months and constructed a formula for peace the like of which has never been known on this earth. The representatives of the nations for the most part spoke different languages, were reared under different environments, bound by different customs, separated in the past by the natural barriers of mountains and oceans; but led to the construction of a formula which gives the greatest hope for universal and lasting peace that has ever been made in the long history of mankind on this earth.

For twenty six years Southern Baptists have been working under a Co-operative plan that has brought greater results than any other plan that has ever been tried. It should not be so difficult for Southern Baptists to co-operate with each other as it has been with the Allied Nations against a common foe, because there are only seven Agencies and Boards through which we work, and the five and a half million members speak the same language and live in the same territory. There are seven children in the family of Southern Baptists, namely, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Christian Education, Hospitals, Orphanages, and Aged Ministers' Relief. The Secretary, who is the head of each of these Boards and Institutions, knows the needs of his own child, and by understanding of the heads of these agencies every child or agency gets its portion of the needed rations to give it support.

M. L. Banister.

GENERAL MATTERS

The Moderator appoints the following committees:

Committee on Time and Place: E. W. Green, Herman Currin, Nat Jones, Sr.

Committee on Resolutions: Rev. L. R. Jordan, R. L. Eakes, Marvin Boyd.

Remarks by Mr. B. D. Bunn and Mr. R. T. Eakes. Prayer, Rev. E. R. Harris.

Adjourn.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "There is a Fountain", Prayer, Mr. R. T. Blackwell. Song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder".

ORPHANAGE

This report is read by Rev. A. S. Lamm, discussed by Rev. W. C. Reed and adopted.

N. C. BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Wars may come and go, we may sign treaties of peace, and establish world tribunals, but the homeless child is ever with us. Wars have always been hazardous to homes and to childhood. During the past few years, many children have been born in this country who have never seen, and who never will see their fathers. These fathers have given their last full measure of devotion in the service of their country.

Our orphanage is the most direct channel through which Baptists may render service to dependent children.

During the past year, in spite of the tremendous increased cost of living, we cared for approximately 700 children in the Mills Home and Kennedy Home, through the Mother's Aid and in Boarding homes. In addition to this, orphanage representatives rendered perhaps their best service to more than 300 children, by helping families work out their domestic problems, thus preventing the necessity of having to take these children into the institution. Through these faithful efforts more than a thousand children were aided.

The average cost of running the orphanage is $675.00 a day, and it is dependent on Baptists of North Carolina for this support. We cannot build orphanages large enough to care for all needy children. Christian people should in some way stimulate fathers and mothers, and prospective fathers and mothers to rededicate themselves to the task of building good homes. Wrecked homes are the greatest tragedies of the present generation. We win military victories in vain, at the expense of our fine boys and girls, unless we can here at home win moral and spiritual victories that will unshackle the children of tomorrow.

A. S. Lamm.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND TRAINING

This report is read by Rev. J. M. Walker, is discussed by Miss Frances Wilson, Mrs. Calvin Frazier and Mrs. George Winston, then adopted.

On motion the Moderator appoints the following Committee to explore the Sunday School work with a view to securing a suitable worker.

Rev. M. L. Banister,
Rev. J. M. Walker,
Sam L. Knott.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND TRAINING

At present our young people's work is carried on under three general heads in the Southern Baptist Convention. First, the Sunday School, whose purpose is to instruct in the teachings of the Bible—a matter essential to the very nature of any Baptist program. To aid and foster this we have a Southwide Sunday School Board. Each state then has its own Sunday School Board. Each Association is asked to have an associational organization to work with the State and Southwide boards and the local churches, serving as a go-between. Each year, until the current, we have been having a State Sunday School Convention, which is a clinic for all officers and teachers. It gives instruction, inspiration, and unity of methods in the churches. Through the above organizations workers are provided for local churches in study courses, enlargement campaigns and the like. Too, they sponsor association wide campaigns. Also, provision is made for attractive programs at Ridgecrest each Summer. Daily Vacation Bible Schools are sponsored during the summer, and in some instances provision of personnel is made.

The second general set-up for young people is found in the work of the Baptist Training Union. Its goal is the task of "training in church membership". When it is tried and carried on over a period of time it proves quite useful. At present, our set-up in the Flat River is quite weak in connection with the Baptist Training Union. It is to be hoped that in the near future we can have an increase in Training Union work in every church from the cradle roll through the adults in every church in the association. I believe at present the work is confined to four or five churches out of the twenty eight listed in the association.

The third phase of young people's work is carried on by the W. M. U. of the South. This work has been on the increase for several years. The same is true here in the Flat River Association. Maybe this is because our ladies have charge!

J. Marshall Walker.

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

This report is read by Rev. E. G. Usry, discussed by Mr. L. A. Martin, then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

We are now confronted by grave, and serious problems, moral, social and political. Among the most serious being the liquor traffic, Sabbath desecration and various forms of immorality. Then there are race problems, labor problems and in fact problems the solving of which depend the future good and well being, of our prided Christian civilization. Some one has appropriately said Christianity is at the cross roads, and must go forward, or go down in shameful defeat. I believe we are to be born again a new nation, characterized by humility, righteousness and faith in God, or we are to be ignored, cast aside and left to suffer the consequences of our indifference, and neglect. Our people do not seem to realize the conditions which threaten the destruction of our most cherished possessions. As I see the situation our only hope is that we turn to God, with our whole heart, mind and soul.

When we face the light the shadow is thrown behind us, then we can walk in the light but when our back is to the light the shadow is before us. Then we must walk in darkness, Gods word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Therefore we cannot be disobedient and walk in the light.

Second Chron. 7:14. We have Gods remedy for the conditions as they exist at the present time "If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked way and seek my face then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

E. G. Usry.

GENERAL MATTERS

Report of Committee on Time and Place.

We recommend that the Association meet on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October with Sharon Church.

E. W. Green
Nat Jones
Herman Currin

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from J. N. Watkins, Former Treas.		$ 53.96
Received from Churches		158.76
Paid Moderator, Telephone calls	$ 5.00	
Paid Coble Printing Co., programs	6.50	
Paid Clerk, Salary	35.00	
Paid Clerk, Postage	2.10	
Paid Coble Printing Co., Minutes	80.40	
	$129.00	129.00
Balance in Treasury		$ 83.72

Sam A. Howard, *Treas.*

On motion of Rev. E. R. Harris the Association gives a standing vote of thanks to Mountain Creek Church for her splendid hospitality.

The Moderator appoints the Executive Committee also the Standing Committee for 1946.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members at Large—

Rev. M. L. Banister	Oxford
Mrs. W. K. Wood	Creedmoor
Mr. W. H. Upchurch	Oxford
Mr. F. W. Hancock, Sr.	Oxford
Mr. Thomas Hobgood	Oxford, Route 1
Mrs. Edith Fagan Cannady	Oxford

Moderator, Clerk—(Excfficio Members)

Churches—

Amis Chapel	Mr. R. M. Smart, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2
Bethany	Mr. D. M. Cash, Rougemont, Rt. 1
Bullock	Mr. Francis Davis, Bullock
Concord	Mr. R. W. Currin, Northside
Corinth	Mr. G. W. Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2
Creedmoor	Mr. R. H. Rogers, Creedmoor
Dexter	Mr. E. B. Green, Oxford, Rt. 5
Enon	Mr. Sam L. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1
Fellowship	Mr. T. L. O'Briant, Durham
Florence Ave.	T. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.
Grassy Creek	Mr. J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.
Hester	Mr. A. B. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2
Island Creek	Mr. Lewis Shanks, Oxford, Rt. 5
Knott's Grove	Mr. John Dean, Oxford, N. C.
Mt. Creek	Mr. R. L. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4
Mt. Harmony	Mr. L. P. Sherman, Rougemont, Rt. 1
Mt. Zion	N. J. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1
Olive Branch	Mr. Mack Gentry, Roxboro
Olive Grove	Mr. John Emory, Northside
Oxford	Mr. B. D. Bunn, Oxford
Peace's Chapel	Mr. W. S. West, Oxford, Rt. 3
Pleasant Grove	Mr. Macy Newton, Hester, Rt.
Poplar Creek	Mr. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4

Providence—Mr. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2
Rock Grove—Mrs. S. T. Slaughter, Roxboro
Rock Spring—Mr. E. J. Knott, Clarksville, Va.
Sharon—Mr. W. A. Sherman, Oxford, Rt. 1
Stovall—Mr. J. B. Pittard, Stovall
Tabb's Creek—Mr. H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 3.
Tally Ho—Mr. Harold Stem, Stem
West Oxford—Mr. Lester Oakley, Oxford

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1946

W. M. U. Work—Mrs. W. D. Poe
Religious Literature—E. M. Powell
Missions:
State—C. A. Upchurch
Home—E. G. Usry
Foreign—R. T. Smith
Cooperative Program—M. L. Banister
Young Peoples Work—W. I. Terrell
Sunday Schools—L. R. Jordan
Christian Education—J. M. Walker
Christian Citizenship—E. W. Green
N. C. Baptist Orphanage—R. T. Smith
N. C. Baptist Hospital—A. S. Lamm
Relief and Retirement—E. R. Harris
Report of Executive Committee—M. L. Banister
Report on Obituaries—

A memorial Service is lead by Mrs. Felix Adcock.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

AMIS CHAPEL—Mrs. Jim Jones, Mrs. Tom Talley.
BULLOCK—Mrs. Annie P. Davis, Mr. John Walker, Mr. Bennie Faucette.
CORINTH—Mrs. D. C. Averette, Mrs. Jim Thaxton.
CREEDMOOR—Miss Mary Frances Mangum, Mrs. E. B. Mangum, Mrs. W. L. Womack.
DEXTER—Mrs. Lula Faucette.
ENON—Mrs. Hettie Freeman, Lt. Eugene Knott, Pvt. Sam L. Knott, Jr.
FELLOWSHIP—Mrs. Joe Estes, Miss Sarah Ferrell, Mr. W. D. Tillotson.
FLORENCE AVE—Mrs. E. B. Wilkins.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. C. R. Yancey.
HESTER—Mrs. F. S. Beasley, Mrs. O. E. Frazier, Mr. W. R. Currin, Mr. F. R. Morris, Mr. T. E. Howard.
ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. H. H. Averette, Miss Florence Woody, Mrs. Charles O'Brien, Mr. N. G. Knott, Mr. Will Loyd.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mr. Z. V. Elliott.
MT. ZION—Mrs. J. B. Elliott, Mrs. L. S. Russell, Mr. Andrew Williford, Rev. E. D. Gooch.
OXFORD—Mrs. Edwin Knott, Mrs. Julian Abbitt, Mr. C. E. Rogers, Mrs. G. E. Cheatham, Mr. Russell Parham, Pvt. Clifton Sherrin, Mrs. J. L. Parham, Mr. L. Thomas, Mr. Andrew Kittrell, Mr. P. H. Guerrant, Lt. Henry H. White.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. J. A. Tunstall, Deacon B. Y. Hunt, Mr. Clarence Breedlove.

PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. E. D. Hoston, Mrs. R. E. Rogers, Mrs. Frank Tippett.
POPLAR CREEK—Pvt. Cleveland Greenway, Mr. Garland Parrott, Mr. Eugene C. Parrott.
PROVIDENCE—Mrs. C. L. Meadows, Mr. Robert Clark.
ROCK SPRING—Mrs. Ellen Matthews.
SHARON—Deacon D. W. Knott.
STOVALL—Mr. Jasper Stovall, Mr. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Roy Frazier, Mr. H. T. Norwood.
TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. Alf Boyd.
TALLY HO—Mrs. Ora Mangum, Miss Nancy Goss.

Mrs. Felix Adcock, *Committee.*

Prayer, Rev. M. L. Banister.

The Association adjourns.

W. D. Poe, *Moderator*
Sam A. Howard, *Clerk*

A very interesting program was given in the evening stressing the duties of a Deacon prior to an address by Dr. L. E. Spikes.

SUMMARY TA

STATISTICS FLAT RIVER BAPTIST

CHURCH DIRECTORIES			BAPTISMS AND MEMBERS, ETC.							S. S.	
CHURCHES	Located in City, Town or County?	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership (including non-resident)	Non-Resident Members	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observance of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Total Enrolled	Training Union With Director
Amis Chapel	C	E. W. Green, Henderson, R. 5	2-4	5	249	37	1	4	15	145	
Brassfield	C	L. R. Jordon, Creedmoor	1-3	1	81		1	2	5	81	
Bullock	V	J. M. Walker, Stovall	1-3		151	40		4	36	62	
Concord	C	E. G. Usry, Oxford	2	4	145	30	1	1		39	
Corinth	C	E. M. Powell, Henderson	2-4	10	188	90	1	2	5	62	
Creedmoor	T	L. R. Jordon, Creedmoor	1-2-4	9	258	45	1	4	7	230	
Dexter	V	E. W. Greene, Henderson, R. 5	2-4	4	256	100	1	2		93	
Enon	C	W. D. Poe, Oxford	1-3	9	381		1	4	25	236	
Fellowship	C	L. R. Jordon, Creedmoor	2-4	9	210		1	2		135	
Florence Ave.	V	E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1-3	1	137					92	
Grassy Creek	C	W. I. Terrell, Oxford	2-4	9	435		1	4	5	189	
Hester	C	W. D. Poe, Oxford	2-4	17	494		1	4	25	200	
Island Creek	C	J. M. Walker, Stovall	2-4	5	516		1	3	100	218	
Knott's Grove	C	W. I. Terrell, Oxford	1-3		114			1	4	35	
Mountain Creek	C	W. I. Terrell, Oxford	1-3	5	467	150	1	3	10	192	
*Mt. Zion	V	L. R. Jordon, Creedmoor	1-3	6	275		1	2	10	176	
Olive Grove	C	I. T. Stroud, Wake Forest	1-3	2	227		1	3	5	76	
Oxford	T	M. L. Banister, Oxford	E	45	1199	250		4	75	591	Ye
Peace's Chapel	C	E. G. Usry, Oxford	4	15	347	50	1	2	33	100	
Pleasant Grove	C	L. R. Jordon, Creedmoor	2-4		212	25	1			97	
Poplar Creek	C	W. T. Smith, Wake Forest	1-4		91		1	4	8	37	
Providence	C	W. I. Terrell, Oxford	2-4		251	26				140	
Rock Spring	C	A. S. Lamm, Bunn	1-3	8	315	150	1	2	10	87	
Sharon	C	E. G. Usry, Oxford	1	2	220	30	1	2	11	120	
Stovall	V	J. M. Walker, Stovall	E	19	650	135	1	4	124	282	
Tabb's Creek	C	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	3	12	184	10	1	4	6	93	
Tally Ho	C	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	3	2	247		1	3			
West Oxford	T	E. G. Usry, Oxford	E	9	216	71	1	4	4	186	
TOTAL				208	8516	1239	23	74	523	3994	1

*Slaughter Fund to Pastors Salary $20.00. To State Missions $73.97. To Foreign Missions $73.97.

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Constitution Flat River Association

Article 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the Association and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified in the respective letters.

Article 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics of the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, union and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

Article 3. The officers shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be elected by the lifting of the hand annually at the opening session of the Association.

Article 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide questions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of church received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and laws are properly respected.

Article 5. The Clerk shall call the roll of delegates, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, receive money contributed by the churches for the printing of Minutes and for postage, and, in the absence of the Moderator call the Association to order. In the absence of the Moderator the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall preside.

Article 5. The Clerk shall receive a stipulated renumeration for his services of compiling the Minutes.

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By-Laws

1. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

2. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

3. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

4. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

5. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other speakers.

6. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permission of the Association.

7. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

8. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

10. Any member of a church of this Association may be elected as Moderator, Clerk, or Treasurer whether delegate or not.

Pastors

M. L. Banister	W. D. Poe
E. W. Greene	E. M. Powell
E. R. Harris	R. T. Smith
L. R. Jordan	I. T. Stroud
J. L. W. Moore	W. I. Terrell
C. H. Norris	C. A. Upchurch
Aaron Phipps	E. G. Usry

J. M. Walker

Messengers 1946 Session

AMIS CHAPEL—Tom Pittard, G. W. Yancey.
BRASSFIELD—Miss Cora Garner, T. W. Allen, Mrs. T. W. Allen.
BULLOCK—Mrs. Thomas Woltz, Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Mrs. Frank Morgan.
CONCORD—James L. Jolly.
CORINTH—
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. J. E. Hester, Mrs. A. O. Curl, Mrs. S. C. Lyon.
DEXTER—Mrs. N. V. Barker.
ENON—C. F. Knott, Crawford Hester, Charlie Jones.
FELLOWSHIP—Alvace Whitaker, J. H. Perry, Miss Myrtle Whitaker.
FLORENCE AVE.—R. E. Amis, Miss Kathryn Amis, Mrs. S. M. Torian, Jr.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. C. D. Winston, Mrs. J. L. Sizemore, J. G. Vaughan.
HESTER—F. R. Barlowe, J. R. Brooks, Mrs. Boadie M. Currin, Jr.
ISLAND CREEK—Norman Clarke, Victor Knott, Mrs. J. E. Jones.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. W. I. Terrell.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—G. W. Hart, D. W. Frazier, Mrs. C. T. Blackwell.
MT. ZION—Albert Daniel, Collie Jones, Stanley Brooks.
OLIVE GROVE—P. S. Horton, Paul Chappell.
OXFORD—B. D. Bunn, Mrs. W. B. Pittard.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Simon Harris, Lee Gresham.
PLEASANT GROVE—E. T. Averette, Mrs. E. T. Averette, Mrs. Mary Laurence.
POPLAR CREEK—M. C. Boyd, Mrs. M. C. Boyd, Mrs. Emmett Raynor.
PROVIDENCE—
ROCK SPRING—
SHARON—Ernest Denny, R. S. Greenway, J. A. Adcock.
STOVALL—Roger Currin, Robert Noblin, Crawford Boyd.
TABB'S CREEK—H. W. Currin.
TALLY HO—Mrs. William Green, Mrs. J. A. Newton, Ernest Clayton.
WEST OXFORD—D. F. Lanier.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Third Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convenes with Sharon Church October 8, 10:00 A. M.

Hymn, "We Will Work 'til Jesus Comes," "We are Marching to Zion."

Scripture, by Moderator of past session.

Prayer, by Rev. E. W. Greene.

Roll Call of pastors and messengers.

ORGANIZATION

On motion Rev. W. D. Poe is reelected Moderator of this session and Sam A. Howard Clerk and Treasurer.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This report is read and discussed by Rev. E. M. Powell, and on motion adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Every home in our land and throughout the Nations of this world, needs the Bible, not just to have it, but we need it as a guide each day, and to strengthen their Christian belief that we might go into action. We must feed our souls and minds upon that which is clean and wholesome, and when we have learned to appreciate good religious literature we will welcome our religious magazines into our homes as much as we do our daily newspaper.

The net gain of our Biblical Recorder has increased rapidly during the past several years, showing us that there is a greater interest for good religious literature during these times than there was in past years.

In the light of these facts, we wish to recommend the following:

1. That we devote a few minutes of our time each day in careful reading and meditation upon some passage of Scripture.
2. That the pastors be responsible for appointing an active religious literature committee in each church, and that we give our full support to the religious magazines of our denomination.
3. That each church think seriously about starting a Church School Library.
4. That the parents of every family establish a Family Alter in their home and be responsible for the use of the Bible in the home as a daily guidance, and impress the importance of good religious literature.

E. M. Powell

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This report is read by Rev. J. M. Walker, is discussed by Dr. A. S. Gillespie, Mr. Everette Miller, Mr. Claude Gaddy, Mrs. W. I. Terrell, and Mrs. Charlie Winston, then adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Meredith reports a good year financially. The buildings are overcrowded with students. A strong faculty and much progress on the enlargement campaign is reported. Indeed, the name Meredith has come to suggest to our minds the best for girls.

Mars Hill has come to be rightfully known as one of the great junior colleges of the South. At present over 900 students are enrolled. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, President, says, "The atmosphere of the campus last year was really superb. On the whole, I believe, the year was one of the best in the history of the college. The faculty and general staff were consecrated and aggressive Christians without exception. The material progress of the college was satisfactory. Contract was let for a domitory for young women last March, and it is expected that this building will be completed before commencement next year."

Alongside Mars Hill in the west is Campbell, her sister, in the east. Fully accredited, every room is filled to capacity. In nearly every dormitory room there are at least three students. Between thirty and thirty-five students are rooming in Hotel Lillington. Students drive as far as forty miles. About thirty-five live in house trailers on the campus. Over 560 are enrolled. The work on the new dormitory begun last summer is temporarily suspended because of steel shortage. Great opportunity lies ahead for Campbell. When Wake Forest moves to Winston-Salem it remains the only Baptist school in the eastern two-thirds of North Carolina. Dr. Campbell says, "We need the help financially and the prayers of friends for Christian education."

The interest on large investments is rapidly becoming less and less. The hope of Wake Forest, Meredith, Campbell, Mars Hill, Wingate, and Gardner Webb is a living endowment. This is made of interested praying friends who give yearly to their colleges, of money, and even more valuable, of their Christian sons and daughters. God have mercy on us if we forget this.

J. Marshall Walker

MISSIONS

Hymn, "Blessed Assurance."

The report on W.M.U. is read by Mrs. W. D. Poe.

The report on Home Missions is read by Rev. E. G. Usry.

The report on Foreign Missions is read by Rev. R. T. Smith.

The report on Co-operative Program is read by Rev. M. L. Banister.

These reports are discussed as a whole by Dr. A. S. Gillespie and Mr. M. A. Huggins, then adopted.

REPORT OF W. M. U.

As I bring to you today the thirty-seventh annual report of Flat River Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Flat River Association, I am holding in memory the former leaders in this work who served wisely and well through these years.

Our organization has now one or more societies in twenty-seven of the twenty-eight churches of our association. Olive Grove is the only church without an organization. In the twenty-seven churches, there are sixty (60) active young people's organizations. We should have at least three in each church, better six. When civic clubs are taking as their project "The Conservation of Today's Youth" is it not high time the churches should be more diligent in conserving our youth for Christ? Now that the calls of the world are so strong, the voice of the church must speak louder and more convincingly. We have many active, consecrated counselors of young people's organizations who are getting results. Give them your hearty co-operation. One R. A. band reports nearly every member a tither; another, fine work in community missions; more and more boys and girls advancing in Forward Steps and the Ranking system; more attending conclaves and house-parties; more mission study classes for young people. The great need is to enlist more young folk. We are told that about 50% of the children in our week-day schools are not actively related to any church organization. Here is a mission field at our very doors.

Out of a sincere desire to do something constructive in building better relationship and helping our negro neighbors, Flat River W. M. U. is attempting to give a scholarship at Shaw University to some colored girl who wishes to prepare to do religious work in North Carolina.

What of our gifts? Is our giving a measure of our spiritual development? It is encouraging that we report a thirty per cent increase in number of tithers, though the number is still far too small. Gifts reported for co-operative program for first three quarters of 1946 increased nineteen (19) per cent over 1945. W. M. U. specials—Annie Armstrong, Heck Memorial and State Missions—have lost in amount of offering. However, this may be accounted for, first, because we are putting more stress on giving through the Co-operative Program; and second, because of large gifts to World Relief and Rehabilitation. Woman's Missionary Societies are reporting almost as much to this cause as to all three specials this year.

As we consider the sad state of our world today, realizing that God is opening again doors of opportunity that have been closed, let us renew our vows of consecration, let us not be content to live in a world so un-Christ-like. We, in the midst of our comfort and plenty must "Look on the fields" praying that "He may send forth laborers into His harvest."

Mrs. W. D. Poe
Supt. W. M. U.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board was organized in 1845 and has been serving one hundred years, and helped to organize 9,245 Baptist Churches; or more than one third of all the Baptist Churches in the Southern Baptist Convention and has had an average of 453 missionaries on the field every day since it was organized. These mission areas have reported 830,637 conversions. The total receipts of the board during these one hundred years has been $288,500,000, an average of $288,500 per year, and have reported one baptism for every $34.75 invested in Home Missions. The number of unchurched in the Convention has increased four fold, which means that there are four times more to be reached now than there were one hundred years ago. This territory now has a population of 46,000,000 of which 26,000,000 are unchurched. This unchurched multitude now exceeds, the total population of this area fifty years ago. The Board has three workers serving the deaf people of whom there are 50,000 in our territory.

The Board has now 308 missionaries working among the foreigners of whom there are four million in this territory. Many of these people will soon be returning to their own homeland and each will carry some conception of Christianity which will either be a favorable, or critical attitude. The Board is now ministering to thirty-three different nationalities in the homeland. We earnestly urge the churches of our association to pledge our prayers and support in meeting the needs of our Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. Usry

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

During the first one hundred years of our existence as a denomination Southern Baptists sent out 1347 foreign missionaries, but at the close of the century five and one-half million Southern Baptists were represented by *only* five and one-half hundred missionaries. As well as these noble servants of God have wrought, we can not, we must not be satisfied with this excellent beginning.

As we face the future we find ourselves facing enlarged opportunities. The appeal is coming from various nations for preachers, for teachers, for medical missionaries, and for others who can help rebuild countries and towns wrecked and ravaged by war. And as we face these opportunities we do so with the assurance that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ which we propose to send to the people of the world is verily "The power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Now in order to take advantage of our opportunities we must rebuild our mission stations that have been torn down by war. We must reinforce our missionaries, and increase the number sufficiently to do a worthy job of evangelizing the world. We must, above all things, minister to the needs, to the physical needs, of the suffering peoples of the world. If Christ taught anything at all He taught us to care for the needy. He also taught us that a man's soul is worth more than the world. Since this is true we shall lose no time nor any opportunity to tell to every person whom we can reach about Jesus and His love.

In the light of these things we as a people should go back to our churches resolved to pray that the Lord will send forth laborers into His vineyard, and resolved to give and give so that there will be ample means with which the Lord may send all that He calls to "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

R. T. Smith

REPORT ON CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Co-operative Program continues to grow in favor with Southern Baptists. They have found it to be sane, scriptural, and successful.

The three primary purposes of this plan are:

1. To provide a regular and adequate financial support for all our denominational work, state and Southwide.
2. To distribute the funds to each and all causes in proportion to relative importance and need.
3. To enlist all our people in the intelligent and systematic support of all our work.

There is a growing conviction that funds for the permanent needs of our causes as well as their operating needs should be provided through the Co-operative Program.

The Southern Baptist Convention asks for $10,000,000 for current and capital needs of its causes in 1947. The needs of the state causes are correspondingly great. If these are to be met through the Co-operative Program, it will be necessary for us to greatly increase, almost double, our Program offerings.

Recommendations

We therefore recommend:

1. That the Co-operative Program and all causes included be given prayerful and practical consideration throughout the year.

2. That the Special Days and Seasons provided for in the Calendar of Denominational Activities be so observed as to strengthen and not weaken the Co-operative Program.

3. That at least one school of Missions and Stewardship be conducted in every church every year.

4. That in making church budgets a larger proportion be given to the Co-operative Program causes. (Perhaps every church could give 25%, many 50%, and some even more.)

5. That the Every-Member Canvass be put on and followed up in every church seeking to enlist every member in the larger support of every cause. (November and December is the best time in most churches.)

6. That Christian Stewardship be stressed continuously and that every church try to enroll at least one fifth of its members as tithers. Slogan: "A million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ."

M. L. Banister

The Moderator appoints the following Committees:

Time and Place—Rev. W. I. Terrell, Mr. R. T. Eakes, Mr. C. F. Knott.

Resolutions—Rev. J. M. Walker, Mr. F. R. Barlowe, Rev. E. M. Powell.

Announcement by Rev. E. G. Usry, host to the Association.

Prayer, by Rev. C. H. Norris.

Adjourn.

Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn, "Love Lifted Me."

Prayer, by Rev. R. T. Smith.

Hymn, "Near the Cross."

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

This report is read and discussed by Dr. McGhee, of Winston-Salem then adopted.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital has had another full and fruitful year. In the past few years its facilities to care for the sick have been greatly increased. This is true for both those who do not have the money to pay for complete hospital care and those who have complicated afflictions which the hospital and doctors in most communities are not prepared to care for.

The Out-Patient Clinic is now working in its enlarged and better equipped quarters. It is prepared to do the highest type of work of examining the sick, prescribing treatment for their ills, and giving some specialized treatments. After the examination, most of these can be treated back home by a local doctor or in a local hospital. There is now being added to the clinic additional services in psychiatry and in eye and dental diseases. The cost for an examination in the Out-Patient Clinic is $5.00, not including X-rays and special laboratory tests, for all who are able to pay it. This just about covers the actual cost to the hospital for the examination. The charges for the X-ray pictures and special tests are estimated at actual cost. Most people are able to pay these fees. In cases where they are not able to pay the whole fee, the balance is paid out of the Mothers' Day offering.

Along with the Out-Patient Clinic, there is operated the Private Clinic for those who are able to pay the regular standard fees for medical care.

The Mothers' Day offering enables our hospital to care for those who do not have the money to pay their full bills. Those who are able to pay in full are expected to do so, because, if they fail to, it will take help from those who are in actual need. No person who is examined in the Out-Patient Clinic and no service patient who is admitted to the hospital is charged any doctor's bill at all, whether or not he pays his hospital bill. More than half of those who are cared for by our hospital are such service patients, and many of them are unable to pay anything at all. Our hospital does far more free service for the poor than any other denominational hospital in the South and stands among the first in America in the amount it does. Last year this free service cost the hospital over $167,000. We are happy that the churches of our association had a large share through our Mothers' Day offering in this great service.

Our Baptist Hospital operates one of the best schools of nursing in the South. It seeks the finest young women, mentally, physically, and spiritually, to train for a Christian ministry of healing. It invites young women from our Baptist homes and churches who are interested in giving their lives to this important profession to consider going there for their training. The need for nurses is urgent. Any girl 18 years of age or over, with high school education, or better, is eligible to apply. She should write the Director, Nursing Department, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND TRAINING

This report is read and discussed by Rev. W. I. Terrell, Mr. B. D. Bunn, and Rev. J. M. Walker.

Motion is made by Mr. B. D. Bunn that a central place be designated for a meeting on the Second Sunday in November, where the churches might decide whether to employ an Associational Sunday School Worker.

The Association votes favoring this action, and the Moderator appoints the following as a Budget Committee.

Rev. M. L. Banister

Mr. Sam L. Knott

Rev. W. I. Terrell.

The report is adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND TRAINING

Our Baptist churches are ever at work teaching and training in Christian living. We follow in the steps of our Saviour in thinking of our churches as a School in Christian Living. We are in the business of building Christian lives. The pastor in the pulpit is preaching the Word and guiding the church in its endeavor to teach and train. Three phases of our church life is designed to do this task. There is the oldest of these the Sunday School. The fundamental purpose of this organization is to

(1) Teach the Bible.

(2) A second purpose of our Sunday School is to reach those whom it would teach.

(3) Third the Sunday School seeks to evangelize those whom it reaches and teaches.

(4) The Sunday School furnishes recruits for all other church activities.

The second part of our church life designed to teach and train is the training union. In the training union we learn by doing.

The greatest need in our churches of this association is trained leadership.

The third phase of our teaching and training program in the churches is carried on in the W. M. U.

Now what can we do to improve our work?

1. In regard to the Sunday School I feel that there should be a simultaneous effort on the part of all the churches to effect an enlargement campaign to enroll the other 4,000 members in our association. This effort must be under the leadership of our best leaders and have the support of all our leaders. The method is simple but the work is hard. Take a census in order to know our prospects. Provide more space for our Sunday School, form new units, intensify our visitation, utilize the Extension Department, and seek the last one in every age group.

Our Sunday Schools should attain and maintain the Standard of Excellence, improve its record system, and promote officers and teachers meetings.

W. Isaac Terrell.

ORPHANAGE

This report is read and discussed by Rev. C. H. Norris, then adopted.

REPORT OF ORPHANAGE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION 1946

The backwash of war is presenting to orphanage workers some very accute problems. Broken homes on account of the liquor situation is also a grave concern of our orphanage workers. The loyalty and liberality manifested by friends of the orphanage have brought our institution through this period of high cost of living. Such loyalty is the greatest endowment that can come to any institution. Lets make the greatest "Thank Offering" possible this Thanksgiving. This year's farm activities have enabled the orphanage to produce commodities for about one third less than they would have cost on the open market.

The results accomplished by the Social Service Department during the past year have been most gratifying. Seven hundred children were under care: 598 were cared for at both homes—Thomasville and Kenedy Homes. Foster homes 48 and through Mother's Aid 54. We are developing the boys and girls in our orphan homes physically and training them hand and head and heart for the glory of God. Thomas A. Edison said that "The greatest undeveloped force in the world is the soul of a child." We are developing this force by making men and women out of the boys and girls in our orphan homes for the glory of our Master.

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

This report is read by Rev. E. W. Greene, discussed by him and Rev. C. H. Norris, then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

From the most recent reports as they come from the A. B. C. boards, courts of the land, and from law enforcing officers, drinking is on the increase. As a result the courts are granting more divorces than ever before. The orphanages are being filled with children who should be in some home being reared by parents for the Glory of God. Some homes are being held together by a brittle thread, living in rags, poverty, and under-nourished, deprived of an opportunity to get an education.

The day has arrived for Southern Baptists to awake to the task that we have before us. It has been said, if Baptists would quit drinking, the liquor crowd would go broke; it is said if the Baptists would stop supporting commercialized sports and entertainments on the Lord's Day they would have stopped. What are we doing about it?

E. W. Greene.

RELIEF AND RETIREMENT

This report is read and discussed by Rev. E. R. Harris, then adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND RETIREMENT

Though we now have a relief budget of approximately $180,000, a figure that will be increased as the income warrants increase, we might ask with Andrew, "What are they among so many?" The pitiful average of $8 per month for widows and $12 for aged ministers calls for a speedy revision upward in our grants.

Our funds for this needful work come to the Board from three main sources: (1) Earned income of relief reserves; (2) Co-operative Program receipts; (3) Fellowship offerings from the churches, together with special gifts and legacies. For some years now in the Southern Baptist Convention Calendar of Activities, provision has been made for a consideration by all the churches of the work and needs of the Relief and Annuity Board, and provision has been made for special offerings in all churches during the month of April for ministerial relief. Also, many churches take a special offering for our aged ministerial relief. Also, many churches take a special offering for our aged ministers at least once each year in connection with the Lord's Supper.

II. ANNUITIES

In the several annuity plans of the Relief and Annuity Board there are now enrolled some 13,000 ministers and other persons employed in denominational service. There were reported 1742 monthly beneficiaries of these plans at the close of 1945. All pastors and employed lay workers of our churches *may* and *should* avail themselves of the benefits of these contributory retirement plans. The Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan, in operation in South Carolina since July 1, 1945, has already been, or will soon be, started in all the states. Let our preachers and other male employed workers ask their state executive secretary for informing literature concerning this plan.

There are 549 active members in North Carolina. There are 55 on the pay roll. Forty five pastors who have retired, and ten widows of men who had retired.

Edwin R. Harris.

GENERAL MATTERS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Time—Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1947.
Place—Grassy Creek Church.

W. I. Terrell
C. F. Knott
R. T. Eakes

REPORT OF TREASURER 1946

Brought Forward		$ 83.72
Received from Churches		162.50
Paid B. D. Bunn, Expense Night Meeting	$ 14.36	
Paid Moderator, Tel. and Tel.	5.00	
Paid Coble Printing Co., Programs	8.25	
Paid Clerk, Salary	35.00	
Paid Coble Printing Co., Minutes	96.00	
	$158.61	158.61
Balance in Treasury		$ 87.61

Sam A. Howard, *Treas.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that our thanks be recorded for the beautiful spirit, the abundant and delicious meal prepared by the Sharon Church. On every hand their warm welcome was felt. Their hospitality shall long be remembered.

We recommend that a hearty word of thanks be extended to all those who prepared reports and spoke so ably for their contribution to our spiritual growth.

We further recommend that we by a rising vote not only adopt the foregoing resolutions, but reconsecrate ourselves to our Lord in the light of the new vision we have seen of His Kingdom.

J. M. Walker
F. R. Barlowe
E. M. Powell

These reports are adopted in their order, and the Association votes to pay the Clerk-Treasurer, $50.00.

The Moderator appoints the Executive Committee, also the Standing Committee for 1947.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members at Large—
Rev. M. L. Banister—Oxford
Mrs. W. K. Wood—Creedmoor
Mr. W. H. Upchurch—Oxford
Mr. F. W. Hancock, Sr.—Oxford
Mr. Thomas Hobgood—Oxford, Route 1
Mrs. Edith Fagan Cannady—Oxford
Moderator, Clerk—(Ex officio Members)
Churches—
Amis Chapel—Mr. R. M. Smart, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2
Brassfield—Mr. T. W. Allen
Bullock—Mr. Francis Davis, Bullock
Concord—Mr. R. W. Currin, Northside
Corinth—Mr. G. W. Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2
Creedmoor—Mr. R. H. Rogers, Creedmoor
Dexter—Mr. E. B. Green, Oxford, Rt. 5
Enon—Mr. Sam L. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1
Fellowship—Mr. T. L. O'Briant, Durham
Florence Ave.—F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.
Grassy Creek—Mr. J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.
Hester—Mr. A. B. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2
Island Creek—Mr. Lewis Shanks, Oxford, Rt. 5
Knott's Grove—Mr. John Dean, Oxford, N. C.
Mt. Creek—Mr. R. L. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4
Mt. Zion—Mr. N. J. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1
Olive Grove—Mr. John Emory, Northside
Oxford—Mr. B. D. Bunn, Oxford
Peace's Chapel—Mr. W. S. West, Oxford, Rt. 3
Pleasant Grove—Mr. Macy Newton, Hester, Rt.
Poplar Creek—Mr. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4
Providence—Mr. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2
Rock Spring—Mr. E. J. Knott, Clarksville, Va.
Sharon—Mr. W. A. Sherman, Oxford, Rt. 1
Stovall—Mr. J. B. Pittard, Stovall
Tabb's Creek—Mr. H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 3
Tally Ho—Mr. Harold Stem, Stem
West Oxford—Mr. Lester Oakley, Oxford

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1947

W. M. U. Work—Mrs. W. D. Poe
Religious Literature—R. T. Smith
Missions:
State—E. G. Usry
Home—E. M. Powell

Foreign ..... E. R. Harris
Co-operative Program ..... M. L. Banister
Young Peoples Work ..... W. I. Terrell
Sunday Schools ..... E. W. Greene
Christian Education ..... C. H. Norris
Christian Citizenship ..... C. A. Upchurch
N. C. Baptist Orphanage ..... L. R. Jordan
N. C. Baptist Hospital ..... J. L. W. Moore
Relief and Retirement ..... Aaron Phipps
Report of Executive Committee ..... M. L. Banister

Report on Obituaries

Mrs. Tom Dixon conducts a very appropriate Memorial Service for our deceased members, including scripture reading Mrs. Dixon, prayer Rev. W. I. Terrell, and special music.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

AMIS CHAPEL—Mrs. Hallie Chandler, Mrs. Sherman Talley.
BRASSFIELD—Mrs. J. W. Whitfield, Mrs. O. C. Jenkins.
BULLOCK—Mrs. George Crump, Mrs. Emma P. Bullock.
CONCORD—Mrs. Ellen Coley, Mrs. Olivia Downey.
CORINTH—Mrs. A. A. Latta, Mrs. W. A. Moss.
CREEDMOOR—Miss Barbara Curl, Mrs. L. R. Jordan, Mr. E. E. Mangum.
DEXTER—Mr. S. M. Greene, Mrs. S. M. Greene.
ENON—Mrs. Fannie Hobgood.
FELLOWSHIP—Miss Myrtle Gray Champion, Mr. W. T. Whitt, Jr.
FLORENCE AVE.—Mr. H. W. Ashby, Mr. J. B. Tuck.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. Victoria Buchanan.
HESTER—Mrs. Mettie Currin, Miss Ruth Dean, Mr. T. E. Howard, Mrs. T. E. Howward.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. Allison Longmire, Mr. Graves Shotwell, Mrs. Grace Woody.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mr. W. F. Cole.
MT. ZION—Mr. Archie Daniel, Miss Nolie Duncan, Mrs. E. A. Partin, Mrs. Norman Jones.
OXFORD—Miss Mattie Wilson, Mr. A. L. Babcock, Mr. L. A. Ligon, Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Mr. J. M. Fagan, Mrs. Emma Moore, Mr. Stephen Harrill, Mrs. J. L. Cash.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Deacon J. W. Moss, Mr. Hubert Woodlief.
PROVIDENCE—Mr. D. Y. Averette, Mr. F. M. Daniel, Mrs. T. K. Daniel.
ROCK SPRING—Mr. C. W. Bowling.
SHARON—Miss Mary Frances Denny, Mrs. Rosa W. Elliott.
STOVALL—Mr. J. B. Stovall, Mrs. N. L. Gillis.
TABB'S CREEK—Mr. A. L. Burchett, Mr. W. H. Critcher.

Mrs. Tom Dixon, *Committee*

Prayer, Rev. J. M. Walker.

The Association adjourns.

W. D. Poe, *Moderator*
Sam A. Howard, *Clerk*

SUMMARY TABLE

STATISTICS FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIAT

CHURCH DIRECTORIES				MEMBS		S.S.			TR. U.		W.M.U.		BRO.	
CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	When Organized	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Other Additions	Total Present Membership	No. Revivals Held During Year	Total Enrolled	Total No. Unions and Story Hours	Total enrolled in all Unions, Story Hours	Total Women's and Children's Organizations	Total W. M. U. Enrollment	Enrollment of Brotherhoods	Value of Pastor's
Amis Chapel	OC	1885	E. W. Greene, Henderson	13	5	262	1	173			5	62		$
Brassfield	OC		L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor		1	80	1	49			2	15		
Bullock	V	1904	J. M. Walker, Stovall	8	3	153	2	92			4	52		3,
Concord	OC		E. G. Usry, Oxford	4	1	141	1	30			1	10		
Corinth	OC	1832	E. M. Powell, Henderson	16	1	198	1	85			4	63		
Creedmoor	T	1895	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	18	20	291	1	274			3	52		
Dexter	V	1906	E. W. Greene, Henderson	1		236	1	65			5	55		
Enon	OC	1848	W. D. Poe, Oxford	7		384	1	236			5	142		4,
Fellowship	OC	1840	Aaron Phipps, Roseville	23	3	228	1	138			1	16		
Florence Ave.	V	1891	E. R. Harris, Virgilina, Va.	1	3	130	1	97			3	39		6,
Grassy Creek	OC	1754	W. I. Terrell, Oxford	17	16	465	1	189			3	61		1,
Hester	OC	1823	W. D. Poe, Oxford	6	11	504	1	240			5	133		3,
Island Creek	OC	1911	J. M. Walker, Stovall	13	5	513	1	238	5	75	5	75		2,
Knott's Grove	OC	1901	W. I. Terrell, Oxford	4	3	118	1	36			2	26		
Mountain Creek	OC	1860	W. I. Terrell, Oxford	18	2	469	1	255	2	55	4	99		2,
*Mt. Zion	V	1848	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	13	1	283	1	183			5	135		
Olive Grove	OC	1929	I. T. Stroud, Wake Forest	2	2	229	1	88						
Oxford	C	1848	M. L. Banister, Oxford	49		1205	1	621	4	73	7	305	28	12,
Peace's Chapel	OC	1887	E. G. Usry, Oxford	12	8	353	1	120			4	56		
Pleasant Grove	OC	1858	L. R. Jordan, Creedmoor	13	1	220	1	92			1	14		
Poplar Creek	OC		R. T. Smith, Wake Forest	1	1	90	1	40			1	22		
Providence	OC		W. I. Terrell, Oxford	36	11	290	1	154	1	22	3	110		6,
Rock Spring	OC	1886	J. L. W. Moore, Wake Forest	3	1	318	1	85			1	26		
Sharon	OC	1896	E. G. Usry, Oxford	14	6	224	1	117			4	71		
Stovall	V		J. M. Walker, Stovall	30	19	680	1	319	4	58	6	118		10,
Tabb's Creek	OC	1906	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	5	4	189	1	93			4	60		
Tally Ho	OC		C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	9	6	246	1	70	1	12	1	20		
West Oxford	C	1912	E. G. Usry, Oxford	25	5	293	1	230			1	30		
TOTAL				361	139	8792	29	4409	17	295	90	1867	28	$ 51,

*Slaughter Fund to Pastor's Salary $20.00. To Home Missions $33.36. To Foreign Missions $33.37.

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Constitution Flat River Association

rticle 1. The Flat River Association shall be composed of the pastors of the ociation and three delegates elected by each church, whose election shall be certified the respective letters.

rticle 2. The object of the Association shall be: To preserve correct statistics the churches; to give Christian counsel in case of difficulty, promote harmony, on and benevolent efforts among the churches, and co-operate with the Baptist te Convention in the Departments of Education, Colportage and Missions.

rticle 3. The officers shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be elected the lifting of the hand annually at the opening session of the Association.

rticle 4. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, decide stions in case of equal divisions, extend the right hand of fellowship to the dele- es of church received, appoint all committees, and see that the Constitution and s are properly respected.

rticle 5. The Clerk shall call the roll of delegates, keep a true record of the ceedings, conduct the correspondence, receive money contributed by the churches the printing of Minutes and for postage, and in the absence of the Moderator the Association to order. In the absence of the Moderator the Chairman of Executive Committee shall preside.

rticle 6. The Clerk shall receive a stipulated renumeration for his services of com- ng the Minutes.

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By-Laws

. Ministers and corresponding members of other Associations may be invited to ticipate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.

. Every question shall be decided by the majority of votes.

. The votes shall be taken by calling for the ayes and nays.

. No motion shall be debated unless seconded.

. Each speaker shall fairly state his own views without any reflection on other akers.

. No speaker shall make more than two speeches on the motion without permisson the Association.

. Laughing and whispering in the Association shall be considered disorderly.

. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

. A vote of two-thirds shall be required to alter any item of the Constitution.

0. Any member of a church of this Association may be elected as Moderator, rk, or Treasurer whether delegate or not.

Pastors

M. L. Banister
W. Shelly Caudle
E. W. Greene
E. R. Harris
W. L. Jones
L. R. Jordan
J. L. W. Moose
C. H. Norris
Aaron Phipps
W. D. Poe
E. M. Powell
R. T. Smith
W. I. Terrell
C. A. Upchurch
E. G. Usry

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Messengers 1947 Session

AMIS CHAPEL—G. T. Pittard, G. W. Yancey.
BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, M. E. Estes, Mrs. John Woodlief.
BULLOCK—Mrs. H. W. Davis, Mrs. Jack Morgan, Mrs. Lee Campbell.
CONCORD—Herman Coley, James L. Jolly, Mrs. James L. Jolly.
CORINTH—Mrs. Bobby Preddy, Mrs. Roy Preddy, Mrs. Raymond Currin.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. J. E. Hester, Mrs. W. L. Daniel.
DEXTER—I. T. Greene, Mrs. I. T. Greene, Bailey Barker.
ENON—J. T. Yancey, Sam L. Knott, Mrs. C. P. Critcher.
FELLOWSHIP—Alvis Whitaker, Mrs. W. T. O'Briant.
FLORENCE AVENUE—Mrs. Ellen Wilkins, R. E. Amis, Miss Kathryn V. Amis.
GRASSY CREEK—Y. A. Sizemore, Mrs. C. D. Winston.
HESTER—N. F. Hobgood, B. W. Pruitt, B. M. Currin.
ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. M. D. Woody, Taylor Ayscue.
KNOTT'S GROVE—J. F. Dean, Mrs. J. F. Dean, Mrs. William Dean.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—R. T. Eakes, Rufus Champion.
MT. ZION—Daniel Hunt.
OLIVE GROVE—
OXFORD—Mrs. W. A. Mitchiner, Roy H. Beard, W. H. Upchurch.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Lee Cifers, Clifton Walters, Ed Sims.
PLEASANT GROVE—W. H. Fuller, Mrs. W. H. Fuller, Mrs. Ollie Milton.
POPLAR CREEK—Mrs. Emmett Raynor, R. M. Boyd, Mrs. I. D. Hart.
PROVIDENCE—Mrs. J. T. Watkins, Mrs. Reuben Watkins.
ROCK SPRING—George Wilson, Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. J. T. Moody.
SHARON—James Gillis, Tom Dixon, R. S. Greenway.
STOVALL—R. N. Noblin, Mrs. E. O. Gill, Mrs. L. I. Currin.
TABB'S CREEK—N. G. Blackwell, Mrs. Roy Belcher.
TALLY HO—
WEST OXFORD—W. O. Dickerson.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred and Fifty-Fourth Annual Session
Flat River Association
Held With
Grassy Creek Church

MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Grassy Creek Church October 14, 10:00 A. M.

Prayer, by Rev. E. R. Harris.

Hymn, "Lead on O King Eternal"

Scripture, by Moderator of past session.

"The Lord's Prayer," by the congregation.

ORGANIZATION

Roll call of pastors and messengers.

Rev. M. L. Banister, Chairman of the Executive Committee was called to the Chair, and Rev. W. D. Poe, Moderator of the past session was nominated and reelected.

With the Moderator again presiding, motion was made and carried to separate the office of Clerk-Treasurer.

Sam A. Howard was elected Clerk and Rev. W. Shelly Caudle Treasurer.

R. W. Winston was elected Auditor for the Association.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

This report was discussed by Rev. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Every home in our land and throughout the Nations of the world, needs the Bible, not just to have it, but we need it as a guide each day, and to strengthen their Christian belief that we might go into action. We must feed our souls and minds upon that which is clean and wholesome, and when we have learned to appreciate good religious literature we will welcome our religious magazines into our homes as much as we do our daily newspaper.

The net gain of our Biblical Recorder has increased rapidly during the past several

years, showing us that there is a greater interest for good religious literature during these times than there was in past years.

In the light of these facts, we wish to recommend the following:

1. That we devote a few minutes of our time each day in careful reading and meditation upon some passage of Scripture.
2. That the pastors be responsible for appointing an active religious literature committee in each church, and that we give our full support to the religious magazines of our denomination.
3. That each church think seriously about starting a Church School Library.
4. That the parents of every family establish a Family Altar in their homes and be responsible for the use of the Bible in the home as a daily guidance, and impress the importance of good religious literature.

GENERAL MATTERS

The Moderator recognized the following visitors, Rev. J. U. Teague former pastor, Mrs. Morgan of South Hill, Va., Dr. Hoyt Blackwell President of Mars Hill College, Rev. Claude White of Campbell College, Dr. E. L. Spivey, Dr. Herring and Rev. J. M. Walker former pastor in the Association.

Rev. W. Shelly Caudle new pastor and Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. present Associational Missionary, were also recognized.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This report was read by Rev. C. H. Norris and discussed by Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, Rev. Claude White and Dr. Herring, then adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

For the purpose of this report we are thinking specifically of the program of Christian Education supported by Baptists through our three southwide Seminaries, the W. M. U. Training school, and our six Baptist colleges in North Carolina.

In the four southwide Institutions during the past year, we had a total of 2705 young men and young women of whom 1744 were ministerial students.

The six Baptist colleges now in operation in North Carolina are Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Campbell, Gardner-Webb and Wingate. During the present Convention year, the Baptists of North Carolina, are contributing approximately $351,959.00 divided among these colleges. With approximately 4500 young men and young women, these six colleges will face the new year with all facilities taxed to their capacity.

Through the co-operation of the Biblical Recorder and other Baptist publications, information on the work of the colleges has been largely distributed throughout the State, and definite efforts have been made to emphasize the observance of Christian Education Day in our Churches and Sunday Schools.

Pastors and Superintendents have co-operated in a splendid way in this undertaking.

These Schools have meant so much to the Kingdom Work, it behooves each of us to support them spiritually and financially.

C. H. Norris

MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. W. D. Poe.
The report on State Missions was read by Rev. E. G. Usry.
The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. W. Shelly Caudle.
The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. E. R. Harris.
The report on Associational Missions was read by Rev. Roger E. Williams,
r.
The report on Co-operative Program was read by Rev. M. L. Banister.
These reports were discussed as a whole by Dr. E. L. Spivey, then adopted.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

With gratitude for the privilege of laboring side by side for the furtherance of ıe gospel we respectfully bring to you a brief account of our stewardship for the ıst year.

For the year 1946 our Woman's Missionary Societies gave through the Co-operative rogram $4,095.41, Young People—Y. W. A., G. A., R. A., Sunbeams gave $729.76, otal gift of W. M. U. $4,825.17.

We report a total membership of 1,653. In addition to gifts through Co-operative rogram, our W. M. U. gave through Special Offerings $3,946.90, making a total ft of $8,772.07 or a per capita gift of $5.30, whereas the per capita gift of our sociation was $3.30. For the first two quarters of 1947, gifts show an increase in ecial offerings but a slight decrease in gifts through Co-operative Program. Our ɔal is a ten per cent increase in such undesignated gifts, therefore it is earnestly ɔped this may be achieved in the last two quarters of this year.

It will be done if through study, prayer, and earnest effort we are led to bring ır tithes and offerings into His store-house.

Last year there were six churches reporting no mission study classes. At least ıe mission study class held in every society and one missionary book read by every ember is our goal. Will not the pastors help us attain this goal? Our mission udy chairman, Mrs. B. D. Bunn, is ready to help with suggestions at any time. ır associational missionary, Rev. Roger Williams, has been most helpful and co-opera-ve in teaching study classes and leading programs.

Christian witnessing in our communities is taking on new meaning. No longer do e think of this in terms of baskets sent or flowers to the sick, but our aim is an tive ministry of Christ-like service. Under the guidance of our new leader, Mrs. en H. Averett, we shall be more faithful and efficient.

Mrs. Calvin Frazier, stewardship chairman, seeks to promote tithing, stewardship asses and stewardship night programs.

At our annual meeting in April, at Corinth, the attendance was larger and the essages of high order. Two missionaries, Ruby Daniel, now Mrs. Bela Udvarnoki, ıd Vivian Nowell, missionary to Africa, were our honored guests. Mrs. W. D. Briggs Raleigh was our state speaker.

Annual meeting for 1948 will be held in April with the Creedmoor church. A nerous love-offering was equally divided between our two Flat River missionaries, rs. Pauline Pittard Gillespie and Ruby Daniel Udvarnoki. On the fifth Sunday August Mrs. B. D. Bunn sponsored a special meeting with emphasis on mission udy and Brother-hood.

To our association, we pledge our prayerful efforts and hearty support in all plans for the advancement of the Kingdom for another year.

Mrs. W. D. Poe, Supt. W. M. U.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The purpose of state missions is to provide instruction and spiritual benefit to destitute places in North Carolina. To purchase necessary equipment for the on going of the Kingdom of God.

It is said that more than half the churches in North Carolina owe their existence to our state mission board. Evidence sent by Jesus Himself to John the Baptist of His Mesiahship was "The poor have the gospel preached unto them." No better evidence of a church being biblical and spiritual than the poor have the gospel preached unto them. By supporting our state mission program we continue to do the things which Jesus began, both to do and to teach.

Many city churches have assistant pastors or educational directors. This is a benefit which is not practical in country churches, so the state mission board is aiding associations in support of an associational missionary who is doing for the country church, what an assistant pastor is doing for the city church. There has recently been purchased an ideal location, in Charlotte, for a book store which will be open for business on Oct. 16.

Valuable property has also been purchased on Hillsboro St., near the Capitol in Raleigh for a headquarters building. Property has also been recently acquired, in Fruitland for a preachers school to be operated during the winter for twelve to eighteen weeks, likewise a site on the coast for a summer assembly has been purchased, and will be ready for use in June 1948, so we see that the board is growing in assets, and in service to God and man. The support of state mission means to Baptists of North Carolina the opening of a great door of opportunity.

E. G. Usry

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with its headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, has made and is making an honest effort to evangelize those who are handicapped because of locality or circumstance. It has helped to organize 9,499 Baptist Churches, or more than one-third of the Baptist Churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. It has ministered to the foreign speaking people who live in our bounds, the Indians, some who are in our own State; the deaf and dumb; the mountain people; the teeming millions in the cities; the rural people, scattered all over the South like the star-spangled heavens; and to our neighbors in Cuba and Central America.

In this worthy endeavor, every available means is in use. Full-time Missionaries, Student workers during the Summer, the printed page, the radio are rapidly spreading the Gospel. Some of the visual results of this effort can be noted in the 44,873 new members added to the Churches through the efforts of the 720 full time Missionaries and the 200 summer workers. 27,474 of these were reported as conversions. The net increase in 1946 in Missionaries is 69. 361 new Missions opened. 131 new Churches organized. The Home Mission Board built or improved 74 Churches and chapels and 16 pastor's homes.

The results mentioned make our hearts rejoice; but with all the work done by the Home Mission Board combined with that done by the local churches of all denominations, there remains a tremendous task. To-day there are in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention five times more unchurched people than there were in 1845.

The work of the Home Mission Board deserves our prayerful sympathy backed up with our prayers, and tithes in order that more work can be accomplished. Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1—That we heartily commend the work of the Home Mission Board.

2—That we urge our churches to give as much as possible to Home Mission work through the budget, and make a worthy offering on the day designated "Home and Foreign Mission Day."

W. Shelly Caudle

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We have 624 missionaries in active service. Of this number 56 were appointed at the April semiannual meeting of the Board and two more in May. Sixty missionaries were appointed last year. Even with these additional recruits, we have only one foreign missionary to approximately 10,000 Southern Baptists.

The appropriations of the Foreign Board for current missionary work this year total $2,276,000, an increase of approximately $600,000 over last year. This increase was due largely to inflation in most areas of the Board's work. We must not overlook the fact, too, that with a net increase of approximately 62 missionaries, long-range provision must be made not only for their salaries year by year, but for hospitals and equipment, training schools, and missionary residences.

For this reason the Board is to be commended for its wisdom in providing the reserve fund with which to stabilize our work and maintain missionary personnel in any time of financial recessions. We must not repeat our experiences in the dark days of the depression of the early '30's when missionaries were recalled, missionary volunteers equipped for service were kept at home, and the terribly embarrassing debt amounting at one time to $1,800,000 was jeopardizing the existence of the Board.

There are two ways by which this calamity in our time of greatest opportunity may be averted. The first is by enlisting Southern Baptists in tithing with a minimum goal of 1,000,000 tithers, with a larger percentage of increased local church gifts being made available for Southwide purposes. The second way is through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which is increasing year by year at a gratifying rate. For years this offering has provided the funds for practically all buildings and equipment of our Board in all of our mission fields. Homes for missionaries, school plants, seminary and training school buildings, hospitals and their equipment have been made available largely by the Christmas offering. As of May 1 this year, the 1946 Lottie Moon Offering received by the Foreign Mission Board had reached the high mark of $1,381,098.76.

Undesignated receipts for foreign missions last year through the Co-operative Program amounted to $2,033,872. For the first four months this year Co-operative Program receipts were $778,194.95, an increase of $54,091.35 over the corresponding period last year.

What are we doing for foreign missions? Here are some startling figures. Last year Southern Baptists gave for all purposes $115,226,949 both state and Southwide. Of this amount less than one fourth, $27,240,704 was given for missions and benevolences. For foreign missions the Board received last year, not counting relief and rehabilitation funds, $3,884,991.41, an average of 64 cents per capita.

Isn't it time that we were getting a conscience on scriptural stewardship and measure our giving in terms of God's world purposes and program and not in terms of selfish desire and personal comfort?

Our people responded last year in a gratifying way to the appeal of relief and rehabilitation. The goal was $3,500,000; the cash receipts totaled almost $4,000,000. From every mission field devastated by war have come messages of grateful appreciation. Thousands of lives have already been saved and our mission work set forward in a great way. Chinese Baptist leaders tell us that their churches and missions have been strengthened immeasurably by the aid received from Southern Baptists.

THE COMMISSION, the world mission journal published by the Foreign Mission Board, continues to grow in circulation. Already the 90,000 mark has been reached, with every indication that the goal of 100,000 will be attained within the next year. Every Baptist home should have first the Baptist state paper, and after that, the two Southwide missionary periodicals, THE COMMISSION and SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS.

Edwin R. Harris

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

During these summer months, our Missionary, in an effort to get acquainted with all phases of our associational work has accomplished the following:

All 28 churches in the Association have been visited for some service and a total of 105 meetings have been held in these churches. He has personally assisted in 6 V. B. S., taught 8 mission study classes for W. M. S., preached in 3 revival meetings, conducted 47 individual conferences in addition to 10 group and 3 committee meetings. He has arranged a series of Radio broadcasts entitled "The Prove Me Hour" being sponsored over station W. H. N. C. by local Oxford business men at no cost to the Association. Every month over 100 news bulletins have been sent to our pastors and church officers, plus numerous letters and cards of correspondence. A trip was made to Ridgecrest for Home Missions week and daily conferences on our Associational Missions program. Also several trips were made to Raleigh for helpful meetings.

In all these phases of activity, more than 4,000 persons have been presented with the work of Associational missions. To do this has involved driving 6,171 miles and an expense of $393.07 as of this date.

In each church your missionary has sought to explain why he came to Flat River Association and to recall some of the more pertinent facts, give attention to the following statistics from the 1946 Associational minutes:

Number churches—28. Only one full time.
Number church members—8,792.
Number enrolled in Sunday School—4,409 (including children)
Less than 40% of our church members enrolled.
Number enrolled in Baptist Training Union—295.
Less than 3 1/2% of our church members.
Total contributions all causes—$105,411.15.
About $12.00 per year per member.
A little less than 25c per week per member.

According to a Southwide Ranking and Grading system for Associations, the Flat River is in 55th place among the 68 Associations of North Carolina.

Surely we are going to make a concerted effort to improve upon our past service for the Master; and indeed this year's statistics indicate we are on the march.

Still have 28 churches, only 1 full time.
Now have 8900 church members.
Now have 4263 enrolled in S. S.
This is less than 40% of church members.
Now have 378 enrolled in Training Union.
This is 4 1/4% of church members.
Total contributions have risen to $116,702.86.
About $13.11 per year per member.
About $15,000 has been added to building funds.

As a start toward this goal I make to the Flat River Association the following Recommendations:

1. That an associational Sunday School Superintendent be elected and that an Associational S. S. organization be developed. Such an organization is needed as is revealed in the fact that only 40% of our Baptist Church members are even enrolled in a S. S. and on an average Sunday last year (1946) only 1 out of every 5 Baptists attended S. S. on an average Sunday.
2. That during the month of March, 1948, with the help of outside workers we undertake an Association-wide B. T. U. Enlargement Campaign. As reported in the 1946 Associational Minutes we are only training in church membership 3 out of every hundred of our 8,792 Flat River Baptists.
3. That as soon as possible every church in the Association take an adequate Survey to determine both the actual and potential strength of our Baptist constituency. In order to determine where we are going we need to know where we stand. Furthermore, that since such a survey will reveal the basic needs of all our church organizations, I recommend that it be given a place of priority on each church calendar.
4. That sometime before the 1st of January, 1948, the Executive Committee of the Association meet and draw up an Associational calendar of activities to include Associational, State, and Southwide dates of importance and that copies of such a calendar be made available to each church in the Association.
5. Be it recommended that, in order to eliminate any confusion or misunderstanding, the dates of Dec. 1 and June 1 of each year be specified as the days when the Associational Missions funds pledged by the churches should be in the hands of the duly designated Treasurer. It should be understood that on each of the above dates one half of the total annual amount should have been paid, each payment being for six months in advance. Any method of payment suitable to the local congregation will suffice, but let us use the above dates to stabilize our giving.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.

REPORT ON THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

This Program takes all undesignated money and distributes it among the Seven Causes which are sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, and by our State Convention, according to the needs of each. Our leaders of the State and Southern Convention know the needs of the Boards and Institutions and Agencies, and they make a just apportion so that no one will be given too little or too much. Every one of these objects—State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Ministerial Relief, Hospital, is worthy of our support, and during the year, the gifts through the Co-operative Program are distributed monthly, so that the work may continue uninterruptedly. Through a period of more than twenty-five

years the method of supporting our various causes has proved the most useful, and we therefore make the following recommendations:

1. That we not only continue to support the Co-operative Program, but that we emphasize its support more strongly than we have ever done before, seeking to enlist all of our churches to make all of their benevolent and missions gifts through it.
2. That we seek to enlist the churches into the scriptural method of giving to the work of the Lord a tenth of their income. During the last three months of 1947, October, November, and December Southern Baptists have been urged to sign a pledge card, promising to give one tenth of their income during these three harvest months. One million tithers is the goal. That is only one Baptist out of every six.
3. That study courses of missions and stewardship be put on in every one of the churches of the Flat River Association during the year.
4. That an Every-Member Canvass be taken in each of the churches during November and December.
5. That we still observe Special Days each quarter to give extra support to certain of our Boards and Institutions.
6. That each church adopt a definite goal for the New Wake Forest College Fund.

M. L. Banister

Motion was made and carried to elect Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., as Associational Missionary, for an indefinite period with the same salary as at present.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees.

Committee on Time and Place—Rev. C. A. Upchurch, Roy H. Beard, O. J. Eakes.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. L. R. Jordan, T. W. Allen, N. G. Blackwell.

Announcement by Rev. W. I. Terrell, host to the Association.

Dismissal prayer by the Moderator.

Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

This session was opened with singing "I Love to Tell the Story" and "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."

Prayer by the Moderator.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Rev. W. I. Terrell in the absence of the author Rev. L. R. Jordan.

The report on Christian Citizenship was read by Rev. C. A. Upchurch.

These two reports were discussed by Dr. I. G. Greer, then adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The children who compose the population of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina are cared for by three well recognized methods of child caring agencies, namely, Mothers Aid, Boarding homes, and the Orphanage proper. Out of the seven hundred children cared for by the Orphanage last year, sixty of these were looked after in boarding homes; fifty by Mothers Aid; the remainder by the Orphanage proper.

In addition to this service the case workers are rendering a fine service by helping children and parents make adjustments with their neighbors and relatives. Last year case work service was made available to 1107 children, and through the same means the Orphanage helped to make adjustments for more than four hundred children in homes that were in great danger of breaking down. It is felt that this sort of service, playing a part in saving these homes, is truly one of the best services the orphanage rendered.

As Baptists and as Christians we must remember that the care of the Orphan child was intrusted to us by Christ himself. We cannot shun this Christian responsibility and profess to be practicing "pure religion." When appeals are made to Orphanage authorities they have nowhere else to go, indeed, they do not have any place to go for financial support other than individuals, Sunday schools, and our churches. Our Orphanage, therefore, constitutes a tremendous challenge to everyone of us. Let us ever be found meeting that challenge by making a worthy monthly offering, a worthy Thanksgiving offering, and by making gifts of produce in season.

L. R. Jordan

CHRISTIAN TEACHING AND TRAINING

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. E. W. Greene.
The report on B. T. U. was read by Rev. W. I. Terrell.
After discussion, these reports were adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The purpose of the Sunday School is to teach its pupils the way of life as it is found in the Bible; to help lift us to a higher plane of Christian living, and to help us to attain the command which Christ gave us in His Sermon on the Mount, as He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect" Matt. 5-48.

Just what are we doing about it? Let's look at figures for N. C. Baptists for 1946. We have 2740 churches; there are Sunday Schools in 2723, there are enrolled in these Sunday Schools 437,655 with an average attendance of 291,770; where are the other 145,885 members? In addition to this we have 875,310 Baptist prospects in N. C. that are not touched by any other denomination.

How about the Flat River Association? We have 8,792 members of our 28 churches; of this number 4,409 are enrolled in our Sunday Schools, leaving almost one half 4,383 of our membership that do not attend Sunday School at all.

What shall we do?

1st—Go ourselves and invite others to do the same thing.

2nd—Elect officers and teachers to fill the various places who have something to do and are doing it.

3rd—Pray and plan for your Sunday School and then put feet to your prayers and plans.

4th—Co-operate with your fellow Sunday School members and the Lord and we will see a new day dawning for the Flat River and the Kingdom of God.

E. W. Greene

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

The Baptist Training Union work is the most varied in its benefits of any organization in our Baptist Churches; yet it has as its definite and specified purpose that of training our people in church membership. Our motto is, "We Learn by Doing." Through this organization our people are making Christianity practical. They are learning to be useful Christians in our churches, consecrated to the Lord's Will. Marked spiritual growth results in the lives of those given to its work. One of the aims of the Baptist Training Union is to nurture and cultivate in our people the Christ-life, helping them to "Manifest the excellencies of Christ," in holy living and helpful deeds.

The Training Union with all these and many other benefits is needed in every church of the Flat River Association and some progress is being made. One new Training Union has been organized in the Tabbs Creek church with three unions. Two new unions have been added at Mountain Creek church since our last Associational meeting. One new union has been added at the Providence church. At least six new unions have been added to our organizations since last year. In all of the Training Unions the enrollment and average attendance has grown considerably. There is a slight indication of a revival ahead in our Training Union work. The need is being seen by those who have an organization and they are becoming more concerned that the rest of our churches have this training work.

Some goals for the coming year are as follows:

1. That we fully organize our associational organization so as to effectively serve all our churches.
2. To hold the quarterly mass meetings recommended by our Southwide and State organization to inform and inspire our people to do better Training Union work.
3. To organize fully, with four Unions and a Story Hour, the seven Training Unions already serving.
4. That we organize at least six new Training Unions in our churches. We are asking that the seven Training Unions now serving adopt a neighbor church and help them to get started. The associational force is all ready to help any church who asks for it.
5. That a Study Course be conducted in every Training Union in our Association this year. If possible one should be had in March and September of each year.
6. That we at least double our enrollment.
7. That we with the help of our Associational Missionary and Associational Organization sponsor conduct an Associational Training Union Enlargement Campaign in March of 1948.

W. Isaac Terrell, Associational
Training Union Director

On nomination, Dr. James F. Pruitt was elected Associational Sunday School Superintendent for the coming year.

The report on Hospitals was discussed by Rev Richard Young, Hospital Chaplain, Winston-Salem. Then adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

A mother from one of our Baptist churches was hurried to our Baptist Hospital. Local doctors had done their best and said she could not live unless she got other help right away. She had been sick for a year and had just spent six weeks in another hospital. She had been able to have her five months old baby with her only two weeks since he was born. Her stay in our Hospital was long and expensive, over $1,200.00 though she was a service patient and there was no charge for all the work of the doctors. But there she was cared for by highly skilled physicians using the latest drugs and the best known methods of medical care.

Her family is almost without means and able to meet only a portion of this large bill. The churches of this association, through our Mother's Day offerings, helped to provide for her hospital care. Because we gave on Mother's Day she was given a chance and recently went back home and to care for her baby.

What we did for this mother, we are doing in larger or smaller measure for thousands of others throughout North Carolina who are sick and have little money. The past twelve months have been the most crowded year our Baptist Hospital has ever known. Its ministry has gone to more people than ever before.

North Carolina Baptists have voted to enlarge our Hospital. Interested friends have said we are ready to help Baptists do this. Now we are looking forward to a much larger and more modern plant on the beautiful hundred-acre Gray estate in Winston-Salem where this ministry of healing in the name of Christ can be multiplied.

Relief and Retirement was discussed by Rev. J. U. Teague and Rev. E. R. Harris.

The work of the Executive Committee was discussed by the Chairman, Rev. M. L. Banister. He reported that his Committee recommended a two day meeting for next year, and motion was made and carried to accept the recommendation of the Committee. The matter of meeting in two different Churches was left with the Executive Committee for decision.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted, and on motion the Association voted to pay the Clerk $60.00 for his services.

REPORT OF TREASURER 1947

Brought forward		$ 87.61
Received from Churches		167.20
		$254.81
Paid Coble Printing Co., Minutes	$106.00	
Paid Postage on Minutes	3.26	
Paid Coble Printing Co., Programs	4.00	
Paid Moderator, Tel. & Tel.	5.00	
Paid Clerk-Treasurer, Salary	50.00	
Paid Postage on Church Letters & Notices	2.50	
	$170.76	
		170.76
Balance in Treasury		$ 84.05

Sam A. Howard, Treas.

The report on Time and Place was read by Rev. C. A. Upchurch.
Time—Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1948.
Place—Corinth Church.

C. A. Upchurch
Roy H. Beard
O. J. Eakes
Committee

The report of Committee on Resolutions was read by T. W. Allen.
Be it resolved that our gracious thanks be recorded for the fine spirit of co-operation and the abundant hospitality shown the Association by the Grassy Creek Church.

L. R. Jordan
T. W. Allen
N. G. Blackwell
Committee

Motion was made and carried that each Church in the Association shall close its Associational year on the last day of September of each year.
The Moderator appointed the Executive Committee also the Standing Committees for 1948, as follows.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members at Large—
Rev. M. L. Banister ---------- Oxford
Mrs. W. K. Wood ---------- Creedmoor
Mr. W. H. Upchurch ---------- Oxford
Mr. Roy H. Beard ---------- Oxford
Mr. Thomas Hobgood ---------- Oxford, Route 1
Mrs. Ben Averette ---------- Oxford
Moderator, Clerk—(Ex officio Members)

Churches—
Amis Chapel ---------- Mr. R. M. Smart, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2
Brassfield ---------- Mr. T. W. Allen
Bullock ---------- Mr. Francis Davis, Bullock
Concord ---------- Mr. R. W. Currin, Northside
Corinth ---------- Mr. G. W. Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2
Creedmoor ---------- Mr. J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor
Dexter ---------- Mr. E. B. Green, Oxford, Rt. 5
Enon ---------- Mr. Sam L. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1
Fellowship ---------- Mr. T. L. O'Briant, Durham
Florence Ave. ---------- F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.
Grassy Creek ---------- Mr. J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.
Hester ---------- Mr. A. B. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2
Island Creek ---------- Mr. Lewis Shanks, Oxford, Rt. 5
Knott's Grove ---------- Mr. John Dean, Oxford, N. C.
Mt. Creek ---------- Mr. R. L. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4
Mt. Zion ---------- Mr. Daniel Hunt, Oxford, Rt. 1
Olive Grove ---------- Mr. John Emory, Northside
Oxford ---------- Mr. B. D. Bunn, Oxford
Peace's Chapel ---------- Mr. W. S. West, Oxford, Rt. 3
Pleasant Grove ---------- Mr. Macy Newton, Hester, Rt.
Poplar Creek ---------- Mr. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4
Providence ---------- Mr. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2
Rock Spring ---------- Mr. E. J. Knott, Clarksville, Va.
Sharon ---------- Mr. W. A. Sherman, Oxford, Rt. 1
Stovall ---------- Mr. J. B. Pittard, Stovall
Tabb's Creek ---------- Mr. H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 3
Tally Ho ---------- Mr. Harold Stem, Stem
West Oxford ---------- Mr. W. O. Dickerson, Oxford

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1948

W. M. U. Work ---------- Mrs. W. D. Poe
Religious Literature ---------- E. G. Usry
Missions:
State ---------- W. Shelly Caudle
Home ---------- L. R. Jordan
Foreign ---------- C. A. Upchurch
Co-operative Program ---------- M. L. Banister
B. T. U. ---------- W. Isaac Terrell

Sunday Schools	C. H. Norris
Christian Education	E. M. Powell
Christian Citizenship	E. R. Harris
N. C. Baptist Orphanage	E. W. Greene
N. C. Baptist Hospital	R. T. Smith
Relief and Retirement	J. L. W. Moose
Report of Executive Committee	M. L. Banister
Report on Obituaries	

A very appropriate Memorial Service for our dead was conducted by Mrs. Conway Elliott.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

AMIS CHAPEL—Mrs. Rebecca Goode, Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Mrs. Jeanette Clark, Mr. John Compton.
BULLOCK—Deacon J. B. Campbell, Mrs. Joe Hunt, Mr. J. D. Cox.
CONCORD—Mr. Allie Cash.
CORINTH—Deacon G. R. Land.
CREEDMOOR—Mr. Dock Daniel.
ENON—Mrs. N. R. Baird.
FELLOWSHIP—Deacon J. Y. Whitaker, Mrs. S. A. Cannady.
GRASSY CREEK—Mr. D. T. Winston, Mrs. Lottie Mangum, Mr. Luther Yancey, Mrs. S. L. Noblin.
HESTER—Mrs. Sallie Brooks, Mr. J. D. Kinton, Mr. Nat Watkins.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. Herbert Eastwood.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mr. L. L. Hudson, Mr. Charlie Cox.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Deacon R. T. Blackwell, Mr. Elmore Yancey, Mrs. Lucy Currin, Mrs. Carrie Adcock, Mr. R. P. Blackwell.
OLIVE GROVE—Mr. G. G. Hobgood, Mr. W. W. Brinkley.
OXFORD—Mrs. Janie Frazier Moody, Deacon F. W. Hancock, Sr., Deacon B. W. Parham, Mr. Hugh Peed.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Dorothy Hughes, Mr. Nady Morton, Mr. Raymond Morton, Mr. Carney Dement.
PROVIDENCE—Mrs. S. H. Brinkley, Mr. W. E. Overton.
ROCK SPRING—Mr. Clyde Wilson.
STOVALL—Mr. R. N. Hart, Miss Gela Garrett, Mr. Thomas Boyd.
TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. W. J. Brummitt, Mrs. Lewis Lloyd.
WEST OXFORD—Miss Usurla Brown, Mr. W. H. Long, Mr. T. R. Lanier.

Mrs. Conway Elliott
Committee

Closing prayer by Rev. Shelly Caudle.
Adjourn until 7:30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION

Men's Brotherhood Program.
Reports by B. D. Bunn, Sam L. Knott and Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Address by Mr. Clarence Green.
Visual Education Program.
Demonstration by Mr. Fon Schofield.
Adjourn.

Rev. W. D. Poe, *Moderator*
Sam A. Howard, *Clerk*

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79	32	12	5	242	125	59	50
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Young People Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Story Hours Enrolled	Total Number General and Departmental Officers not Enrolled in Unions and Story Hours	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	Average Attendance Per Sunday	Was Youth Week Observed?	Was Christian Home Week Observed?
16	31	20	5	2	116	60		
	33	21			69	38		
28	10	3			41	25		Yes
	25				25	20	Yes	
10	15	18	10	4	77	28		
24	22	10			56	35		
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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof, providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual meeting of the Association and shall be received into fellowship of the Association upon a majority vote of the messengers present.

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year on Christian Education, Christian Citizenship, Cooperative Program, Orphanage and Hospital, Religious Literature, and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall

be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member from each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees and such other committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of any Baptist Association may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—A two-thirds vote may change or alter any item of the Constitution, at any time the Association is in session.

10—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

11—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

12—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

M. L. Banister
W. S. Caudle
E. W. Greene
E. L. Kincaid
T. L. McSwain
J. L. W. Moose
C. H. Norris
W. D. Poe
E. M. Powell
R. E. Rice
W. I. Terrell
C. A. Upchurch

E. G. Usry

MESSENGERS—1948 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—G. W. Yancey.
BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, M. E. Estes, Miss Cora Garner.
BULLOCK—Mrs. Thomas Woltz, Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Mrs. T. A.. Royster.
CONCORD—J. L. Jolly, Herman Coley, Mrs. J. L. Jolly.
CORINTH—Mrs. Frank Averette, Elmo Blackley, Mrs. Annie Tunstall.
CREEDMOOR—Taylor Williams, Leon Perkinson, Mrs. S. C. Lyon.
DEXTER—G. J. Owen, Jr., Bailey Barker, Mrs. Bailey Barker.
ENON—Sam L. Knott, L. T. Mize, Mrs. L. T. Mize.
FELLOWSHIP—Alvis Whitaker, Miss Myrtle Whitaker.
FLORENCE AVE.—R. E. Amis, Mrs. F. E. Winfree, Mrs. Ellen Wilkins.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. Rosa N. Moore.
HESTER—C. N. Hobgood, Mrs. C. N. Hobgood, A. B. Dean.
ISLAND CREEK—Taylor Ayscue.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. Mildred Moss, Mrs. Walter Crews, Mrs. J. F. Dean.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—David Blackwell.
MT. ZION—Thomas Hobgood, Wallace Blalock, Jr.
OLIVE GROVE—R. C. Perry, Mrs. R. C. Perry, Grover Keith.
OXFORD—B. D. Bunn, Mrs. J. M. Blalock, Mrs. E. T. Hester.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—J. C. Walters, Mrs. Ed Simms, Mrs. Lee Gresham.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. Ollie Milton, Mrs. Elbert Averette, Mrs. Macey Newton.
POPLAR CREEK—
PROVIDENCE—
ROCK SPRING—George Wilson, Mrs. George Wilson.
SHARON—N. M. Humphreys.
STOVALL—L. I. Currin, Miss Margaret Gill, Mrs. Emmitt Grissom.
TABB'S CREEK—W. M. Brummitt, Frank Sherman, A. P. Currin.
TALLY HO—Mrs. W. F. Greene, Mrs. J. A. Newton, Mrs. H. J. Clayton.
WEST OXFORD—Mrs. W. H. Long, Mrs. Irene Hedgepeth, Mrs. D. F. Lanier.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held With

CORINTH AND MT. ZION CHURCHES

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Corinth Church, October 12, 10:00 A. M.

Rev. W. D. Poe, Moderator of the Past Session called the Association to order.

Hymn, "Lead Thou Almighty King"

Prayer, by Rev. C. H. Norris.

Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign"

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ORGANIZATION

Roll call of pastors and messengers.

Motion made and carried that the officers be elected to serve until the election of officers under the new constitution.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. W. D. Poe.

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GENERAL MISSIONS

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REPORT ON W. M. U.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary of the Flat River Association, joins with other unions of the Southern Baptist Convention in observing this year the sixtieth anniversary of our organized work. Anniversaries furnish occasion for looking back and evaluating past achievements; also they furnish an incentive for better service, higher goals.

Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1888, "to stimulate a missionary spirit in the women and young people of churches,

to study the Bible and mission fields, to encourage regular contributions through the cooperative program, and to sponsor 'Special Offerings' following the seasons of prayer." Funds given through special offerings are always sent to the regular boards of the Convention to be used wherever the Board considers the need is greatest. Only the Training School offering is administered directly by the women.

Thus, from the beginning, there has been no desire on the part of W. M. U. to dominate, only to encourage and cooperate with the agencies and boards of the Convention. God has blessed our efforts, and several times when the Foreign Mission and Home Mission boards have faced disaster and defeat, W. M. U. special offerings have made it possible for the work to go on without interruption. Since the day in 1888 when Lottie Moon asked the women of the South to set apart a season of prayer for China, three special seasons of prayer are observed, and offerings brought to implement our prayers. We urge, for such a day as this, the importance of these special prayers and offerings.

In 1947 gifts of Flat River W. M. U. to Cooperative Program and Special Offerings amounted to $9,515.82. A total enrollment of 1880 gave us a per capita gift of $5.06. In 1946 the per capita gift was $5.30—Last year, a larger enrollment, smaller per capita gift.

Flat River W. M. U. following the State plan, asks from each W. M. S. an associational progress fund of 10c per member. This year, twenty-three societies contributed $71.40. Expenses of officers of the association, in carrying on the work, are paid out of this fund.

Although specific goals have not been reached, many phases of the work are very encouraging. We are not fainthearted, for in His strength we go forward. May Christ's spirit dwell in our hearts so that through us God can work out his plans: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow." Phil. 2:10.

Mrs. W. D. Poe, Supt. W. M. U.

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The report on State Missions was read by Rev. W. S. Caudle.

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REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Fundamentally, the entire work of the Church is a missionary enterprise. But because it is worldwide in its scope, and in order to make the work easier and more efficient, the work has been divided into four distinct catagories, namely: the Local Church, State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

Our State Mission Board, with headquarters in Raleigh, N. C., is under the wise and capable leadership of Mr. M. A. Huggins. He and his helpers are trying to enter every open door within our state with a constructive program of kingdom building.

This great work is financed with the special state mission offerings and with thirteen per cent of the money that is given through the Cooperative Program.

We point with pride to the work done among the Indian and Negro brethren, to the accomplishments of the Sunday School, Training Union, Evangelism, Visual Aid, Church Extension and Pastoral Assistance Work.

Perhaps the work that is nearer to us is the Associational Missions work. Many of our Associations have called Associational Missionaries and the State Mission Board is helping support most of them. Our Association is no exception. Each month you receive one hundred dollars to supplement the work in the Flat River Association. This year our Churches have given approximately three thousand dollars to State Missions. About half of this amount came back into our treasury. We are grateful for this assistance but look to the future when our program of Associational Missions shall be self-supported.

State Missions deserves our best support. We dare not stop until every person within our convention territory has been saved, taught, trained and enlisted in the glorious work of our Lord.

W. S. Caudle

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The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. C. A. Upchurch.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Reports from our Foreign Mission office in Richmond and from the fields around the world indicate a distinct call for a definite advance in our Foreign Mission program.

Challenging needs face us everywhere. There are 119 centers in 25 countries that need expanding. Projects undertaken by native Baptist Conventions call for our encouragement and support. Our resources in personnel and finances are greatly in need of expansion until Southern Baptists have 1,750 Missionaries and an annual budget of $3,000,000 for capital investments and $7,000,000 for operating budget.

Conditions in the world today—such as the backwash from two world wars, Communism, and the tides of sin make mission work more imperative, and in most fields easier to prosecute.

In some fields Communism is blocking our progress but native Christians are keeping the fires of evangelism burning.

They deserve our help.

Total receipts for 1947 were $4,734,288. Of this amount the Lottie Moon offering supplied $1,393.183.

Here in Flat River Association we need to preach Foreign Missions; teach and practice Stewardship and tithing and strive to the limit to enlist *all* our people in the great business of winning the world to the side and service of the Lord Jesus.

C. A. Upchurch.

Hymn, "The Kingdom Is Coming"

These reports were discussed as a whole by Rev. C. A. Upchurch and Rev. Earl Bradley, then adopted.

GENERAL MATTERS

The Moderator appointed the following committees:
Time, Place and Preacher—B. D. Bunn, C. N. Hobgood, L. T. Mize.
Resolutions—Rev. C. A. Upchurch, W. M. Brummitt, Lewis Shanks.
The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. C. H. Norris and adopted.

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REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our school teachers mould our nation's future. Our Sunday school teachers mould our nation's character, and shape largely the destiny of the world. There are so many studying and teaching the Bible in Sunday school from Sunday to Sunday, as go our Sunday schools, largely will go our churches, our homes, our nation, and the world.

Christ was the great teacher. Sunday school teachers are to follow His example in teaching the Word and expounding the Scriptures.

We are endeavoring to enlarge the Sunday school enrollment, 600,000 in the Southern Baptist Convention, 70,000 in North Carolina, a challenge, will we meet it in our State and in our Association?

There are 6,944 resident church members in the 28 churches of the Flat River Association, and 4,414 enrolled in our Sunday schools, therefore, there are 1,580 resident church members not in Sunday schools. When we consider that there are so many in our Sunday schools who are not church members, there is a much larger number of resident church members not in Sunday schools than the 1,580.

We need study courses to train our teachers, but we need too, the large number of people who do not attend Sunday school, to be instructed and inspired by trained teachers. Our people must attend Sunday school.

This is a challenge to us, just meet it and put it across for the glory of God, and for the sake of our Christ.

C. H. Norris

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Hymn, "Am I A Soldier of The Cross"
Prayer, by B. D. Bunn.
Sermon, by Rev. J. Marshall Walker of Appamatox, Va. (subject) "The New Birth"
Closing prayer by Moderator.
Dinner.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn, "We Are Marching to Zion"
Prayer, Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Hymn, "Lead On Oh King Eternal"
The report on Associational Missions was read by Rev. Roger Williams, Jr., discussed by him and Rev. C. H. Norris, then adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, September 13, 1948, the Associational Missionary was asked to report on the subject: SOME NEEDS OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION AND PLANS FOR MEETING THOSE NEEDS DURING THE COMING YEAR. Following the reading of the report, the missionary was instructed by vote of the committee to read it again before the Association. The balance of this report carries out that instruction.

I. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last year the Associational Missionary recommended the election of an Associational Sunday School Superintendent, and the development of an Associational Sunday School Organization. Dr. James F. Pruitt was duly elected and has served us well in that capacity. He was instrumental in the success of the Sunday School Planning Conferences held last Spring. Several weeks ago he called a meeting of all Sunday School Superintendents, Pastors, and Ministerial Students. Following a Fellowship Supper, plans were laid by that group for completing the organization and for holding future meetings.

We need more such get-togethers for discussing our common problems, and for making plans for the enlargement of our Sunday School Program.

II. THE TRAINING UNION

Under the leadership of Rev. W. Isaac Terrell, quarterly Mass Meetings of the Training Union have been held this year. These have been well attended and have done much to stimulate interest in the Training Union work of the Association. New Training Unions were organized during the year at Olive Grove and Fellowship. Next Spring there will be an Associational Wide Training Union Enlargement Campaign conducted in our Churches. We hope that every church will participate.

III. THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Ladies are "doing all right." Under the leadership of Mrs. W. D. Poe, Superintendent, the W. M. U. of the Flat River Association is one of the best organized phases of our work. Only one church is without some W. M. U. organization.

IV. THE BROTHERHOOD

Only one Church has a Brotherhood Organization: The First Baptist Church, Oxford. The men of this one Brotherhood have, however, expressed themselves as willing to aid in forming units in the other churches. We hope that several Brotherhoods can be started during the coming year.

In the meantime, however, for the Deacons and other interested Laymen of the Association, there will be conducted in the Flat River Association A SCHOOL FOR DEACONS. The Dates will be NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 3.

The School will be conducted by Rev. Earle L. Bradley, State Field worker for this Area. It is planned to have meetings in three localities: Northern, Central, and Southern Granville.

The need for such a School is great. There have been many new men added to our deaconship, and there are many others who have never attended such a series of meetings. It would be difficult to overemphasize the importance of every Deacon of each of our churches availing himself of this opportunity to study and worship together. Very few, if any, of our churches can ever go farther than the Deacons lead them.

V. SOME GENERAL ASSOCIATIONAL NEEDS

A. *A well-organized Executive Committee to direct the Associational Program.* This will be provided if the Association adopts the proposed new Constitution at the annual meeting. This gives a voice to *all* Churches in the work of the Association.

B. *A clearer understanding of the Financial Program* of the Association. This will be provided in the new budget, many churches having already voted favorably upon it. The new budget will relieve the missionary of the embarrassment of seemingly receiving double renumeration for some services. (It might be noted in passing that while the Associational Missionary's salary is $3,000.00, the Churches of the Association are paying only $1800 of this amount, the balance coming from the State Convention.)

C. *A better distribution of the Missionary's services.* As a usual thing I can only go for a service where I am *invited;* and I like to go where I feel I am *needed.* I'm not just looking for more work to keep me busy—I already have as much as I can adequately do; but if you will let me know in what way I can serve your church, if a time can be arranged, I will be happy to do what I can.

D. *An Associational-wide Rural Church Enlargement Campaign.* This is a complete and accurate survey—far more than a Church Census, or Every Member Canvass. We have this planned for the *Spring of* 1950, with Dr. John D. Freeman, of the Home Mission Board, coming to take charge.

E. *Better use of our Visual Aids Equipment.* All who have used the projector have been well pleased. We should have an Associational Committee on Visual Aids, trained to use the projector, and willing to serve the Association in this capacity.

F. *Church-yard beautification.* A number of our churches have been improving their church grounds. Several have graded lawns and provided parking spaces convenient to the church. The dignity and beauty of the church grounds can do much to instill an attitude of worship in the heart of the one who approaches the church on Sunday Morning.

G. *More resident, full-time pastors.*

Roger E. Williams, Jr.

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The report of the Treasurer was read by Rev. W. S. Caudle, also the Auditor's report. On motion these reports were adopted.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND AUDITOR

MINUTE FUND

Amount received from Sam Howard		$270.55
Amount received from Churches		15.00
Total Received		$285.55
DISBURSEMENTS		
Coble Printing Co. (for Minutes)	$147.51	
Sam Howard (clerk fee)	60.00	207.51
Total disbursements	$207.51	78.04

PROJECTOR FUND

Amount received from Churches		160.36
DISBURSEMENTS		
To Projector	80.00	
To Screen	58.00	
Total Disbursements	$138.00	138.00
Balance		$ 22.36

MISSION FUND

Amount Received from the Churches		$3,430.35
Amount received from Sam Howard		347.52
Total Received		$3,777.87
DISBURSEMENTS		
To Roger E. Williams, Jr	$3,666.63	
To Postage and Stationery	4.25	
Total Disbursements	$3,670.88	$3,670.88
Balance		106.99
Grand Total On Hand		$207.39

W. S. Caudle, Treas.

This is to certify that I have examined the above figures presented to me by Rev. W. S. Caudle, Treasurer of the Flat River Association, on the 11th day of October, 1948, and that I have audited his books and that I find the same to be correct.

This the 11th day of October, 1948.

R. W. Winston, Auditor

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Report on Associational Budget was presented by Rev. W. I. Terrell and Rev. W. S. Caudle. On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL BUDGET

Missionary's Salary	$3,000.00
House, Rent	600.00
Office Rent	120.00
Telephone for Office	51.40
Travel	300.00
Bulletins and Mailing	150.00
Convention Expenses	100.00
Relief and Annuity	120.00
Associational Clerk	60.00
Associational Treasurer	60.00
Printing of Minutes and Mailing	150.00
Baptist Training Union	50.00
W. M. U.	50.00
Assoc. Sunday School	50.00
Incidentals	138.60
Total Budget	$5,000.00
Less State Convention Supplement	1,200.00
Amt. to be secured by Association	$3,800.00

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Rev. W. S. Caudle, Chairman of Committee appointed to draft new constitution and by-laws, presented same and upon motion they were adopted.

The report on Religious Literature was read by Rev. E. G. Usry, discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter, then adopted.

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REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The Master said, "Take heed what ye hear" and as reading is a way of hearing to say "Take heed to what ye read" would have the same meaning. "I am what I am, because I have been thinking what I have been thinking" is an old but true saying, and we have been thinking what we have been thinking because of what we have been hearing and reading. There is an abundance of literature which does more harm than good, but there is also an abundance of good literature which has a refining influence on the minds and hearts of those who read it. First of all the Bible, the Book of all books, should have first place in our reading. Second the Biblical Recorder, and Charity and Children, should be in every Baptist home, together with Home and Foreign Mission literature. For if these be in you and abound they make you to be neither barren or unfruitful in the work of the Lord.

E. G. Usry

Dr. W. R. McGhee spoke on the Baptist Hospital.

A vote of thanks was extended to Corinth Church for her hospitable entertainment, also to Knott's Grove for her assistance.

Closing prayer by Rev. E. W. Greene.

Adjourn.

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SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

This session was opened at Mt. Zion Church. With singing, "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer, Rev. M. L. Banister, Hymn, "More About Jesus"

The report on Training Union was read by Rev. W. I. Terrell, discussed by him, and adopted.

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REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

Church leaders today are realizing more and more that the only way to have a completely enlisted and well trained membership is to offer constructive training to all of the church members. The Training Union is an organization for the entire family. The wise pastor and the church with vision will seize the opportunity to make out of our church members, "workers that need not to be ashamed."

We of the Flat River Association are seeing more and more the need for trained leadership in our churches and our association. The question is always arising, "Where can we get someone to take this task who is capable and efficient?" This question always comes because our churches have been careless about their Training Program. The tragedy of our day is that we have thrown open our doors to so many new converts without any effort to enlist and train them for definite tasks in the Kingdom. Thus we have hundreds of inactive members who mean nothing to the progress of the Kingdom. Our job is just begun when they are converted and baptized. They need teaching and training to make them useful.

During the past year your Associational Training Union officers have tried to challenge our people with these needs. The Associational organization has been fully set in operation during the past year. During this time these officers have met for a study of their duties and opportunities under the teaching of Rev. W. S. Caudle. The Associational Mass Meetings which were held during the past year were most successful. The largest attendance was when the meeting was held at the Stovall church last March. Other Mass meetings were held at the Olive Grove Church in June and with the Tabb's Creek Church in September. Another Mass meeting which we hope will be the largest demonstration of our strength, will be held with the West Oxford Church on December 6th at 7:30 o'clock.

During the week of April 10th through 16th of 1949 we have planned what we hope will be the most far reaching effort in Training Union work in our Association in its history. Mr. Harvey T. Gibson and the entire State Training Union force of the

State Convention, along with many preachers and approved workers from outside our Association, will be with us to go into all our churches and put on an enlargement campaign with the hope of fully organizing a Training Union in every church in our Association. If we can be successful in this the churches will see a new day in all phases of our work. Many of our churches are already asking for Training Unions. With this effort every church will have that opportunity.

W. Isaac Terrell

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A report on Visual Aids was read by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., discussed by him then adopted.

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REPORT ON AUDIO VISUAL AIDS

All of us are familiar with the expression "seeing is believing." Or, perhaps we have even said, "I won't believe that until I have seen it with my own eyes." I believe there is a place called "Texas," although I have never seen it. Yet, if I could see it, how much clearer would be my understanding of it. Likewise, I believe there is a place called "Africa," and that we have missionaries stationed there. Yet if I could actually see the work they are doing, how much clearer would be my understanding of it. Again, all of us cannot go on a tour of the State of North Carolina, even, to see the hundreds of things being sponsored by the Baptist State Convention. Yet we can, by use of our Associational Projector, now see actual, full-color pictures of the work being done. Any Church in our Association which has electricity can see pictures of State Missions, The Baptist Hospital, Summer Assemblies, and many other phases of Christianity in action here and around the world.

Our Association now owns a Slide, Film-Strip Projector, and a Screen on which the pictures may be shown. This equipment has been made possible by gifts from a number of the churches. We still need to complete our outfit by adding the record player and public address system.

Many churches have seen the pictures on State Missions, on the Baptist Hospital, and the Summer Assemblies. They are available to all the churches without charge when shown by the Associational Missionary, or the Visual Aids Committee.

Let all of our Churches avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to use our visual aids equipment. Contact the Associational Missionary and arrange for him to visit your Church in the near future with a Visual Aids Program.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.

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The report on Christian Education in the absence of the author, Rev. E. M. Powell, was read by the Clerk, discussed by Rev. M. L. Banister, and Dr. Glenn Blackburn of Wake Forest, and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Education is that which trains the minds of individuals. Christian Education is that which trains the mind and heart of an individual.

Christian Education marches forward in a great way. Christian colleges everywhere report success.

Meredith makes a very fine financial report, and we quote a part of it.

Financial Assets

—Loan Funds	$ 25,739.22
—Endowment Funds	600,190.99
—Plant Funds	1,744,029.41

Income and Expense (1947-48)

—Receipts from Convention	$ 80,130.00
—Excess of Income over Expense	9,972.58
—Total Income	447,888.78

As well as a good financial report, Meredith also makes an interesting report on enrollment. Six hundred eighty one, it being the largest in the history of the College.

Wake Forest likewise reports the largest enrollment in its history, and 190 enrolled in the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, at Winston-Salem. About 10% of the enrolment at Wake Forest, are preparing for the Gospel Ministry. Many others are preparing for important vocations.

Satisfactory progress is being made in both the securing of pledges to the building program and in the making of plans for the construction of the College at Winston-Salem, N. C. We are informed the architect has been instructed to make plans which will enable construction to begin in 1950, providing this to be the appropriate time.

Other colleges report a warm atmosphere existing on its campus and in the lives of both its faculty and student bodies.

There are two quotations that I would like to insert in this report concerning the two Colleges mentioned. Namely, "Meredith College is dedicated to the work of Christian Education, under the State Baptist Convention."

"Wake Forest has never emphasized Christian Education more than now. There is no reason to believe that complete control of the College will ever be vested in any group other than the Baptist State Convention."

It is our privilege as Baptists to make Christian Education, and our colleges whatever we want them to be. Let us strive to *make Christian Education a shining light unto the feet of men everywhere.*

Onward Baptist people, marching as to war, like a mighty army, moves against the foe. Let us move in the direction of Christian Education, and against the terrible foe.

Elmore M. Powell

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Hymn, "There Is A Call Ringing"

The Orphanage report was read by Rev. E. W. Greene, and discussed by Dr. W. C. Reed of Kennedy Home, then adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

In view of the truth that we are responsible for our brother, we should consider it a privilege to care for the boys and girls that are in our orphanages.

During Christ's ministry on earth He was confronted with the child problem. When little children were brought to Him by friends, neighbors, brothers, sisters, mothers, or fathers, He readily blessed them. To those who rebuked the ones responsible for the children being brought to the Master, He said, "It is better that a millstone be tied around their neck and for them to be cast into the depths of the sea, than to offend one of these little ones in my name."

We, as N. C. Baptists, have the responsibility of caring for these boys and girls, coming from homes that have been broken up. Some coming from homes broken by liquor, adultery, insanity, and various other causes. Regardless of the cause, they are upon our hands to deal with them to the best of our ability.

With the greatest income ever enjoyed by all the people of our land, should we not make our offering this Thanksgiving the largest ever for our boys and girls.

Oh! my friends with an opportunity to take a child with its youth, zeal, and unmolded character and mold it for God is a great challenge to each of us. I wonder what we will do with the opportunity when it is presented to us this Thanksgiving?

E. W. Greene

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The report on Cooperative Program was read by Rev. M. L. Banister, discussed by him and adopted.

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REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Seven Causes which the Southern Baptist Convention supports continue to make a strong appeal to our constituency. These are State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Ministerial Relief, and the Hospital. They are world wide in their mission, and include everything that is expressed or implied in the Great Commission of Jesus. Our greatest danger is to give more support to one of these Boards or Agencies or Institutions than its share. We must keep a balance between these Boards in order that each phase of the Kingdom may have its support. Also we must guard against consuming an undue proportion of our offerings on ourselves. In order to keep this balance it is expedient for every church to adopt a budget for local, State, and Southwide Causes at the beginning of each year.

For our own spiritual cultivation in the grace of giving, and for the evangelization of the whole world, we make the following recommendations.

1. That we continue to give the Cooperative Program our loyal support.
2. That we put on an Every-Member Canvass in November and December.
3. That we urge every member to offer unto the Lord one tenth of his income.
4. That each church will have at least one study course that will enlarge our vision of the needs of the Kingdom.
5. That we shall continue to give our Associational Missionary, the Rev. Roger Williams, Jr., our prayerful and sympathetic co-operation.

M. L. Banister

The following Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator:
B. D. Bunn, Rev. W. S. Caudle, T. W. Allen, Sam L. Knott, J. A. Timberlake, Sam A. Howard.
Special Music.
Devotional lead by Rev. W. S. Caudle.
Prayer by B. D. Bunn, Rev. E. G. Usry and the Moderator.
Adjourn.
Dinner.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn, "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"
Prayer, by Rev. J. U. Teague.
Hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
The report on Associational Sunday School work was read by Dr. James Pruitt. On motion the report was adopted.

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REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

The Vacation Bible School of the Flat River Association showed one of their sharpest gains under the able leadership of Rev. Roger Williams, Jr., Miss Neva Harper, and workers of the various churches. All but four of the churches had Vacation Bible Schools, and we are hoping that all of the churches will have them in 1949.

There were 2,001 enrolled with an average attendance of 1,673, at a total cost of $524.50. There was $381.83 given to Missions.

James F. Pruitt,
Associational S. S. Supt.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. M. L. Banister was nominated and elected Moderator. T. W. Allen was nominated and elected Vice-Moderator. Sam A. Howard was reelected Clerk. Rev. W. S. Caudle was reelected Treasurer, and R. W. Winston reelected Auditor.

The report of Committee on Committees was read by the Chairman, B. D. Bunn.

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The report of the Committee on Committees is as follows:

Christian Education	B. D. Bunn
Christian Citizenship	T. W. Allen
Cooperative Program	Rev. Ronald Rice
Orphanage	Mrs. Macey Newton
Hospital	Charles F. Jones
Religious Literature	Rev. E. L. Kincaid
State Missions	Mrs. Ben Averette
Home Missions	Harold O'Brien
Foreign Missions	Mrs. Charlie Winston
Relief and Annuity	Rev. M. L. Banister
Sunday Schools	Associational Supt.
Training Union	Associational Director
W. M. U.	Associational Supt.

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT LARGE

4 Years	Melvin S. Currin, Frank Hicks
3 Years	C. W. Allen, F. R. Barlowe
2 Years	H. W. Currin, W. B. Jones
1 Year	J. L. Rogers, W. E. Cannady

B. D. Bunn, Chairman
Committee on Committees

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The report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read by the Chairman.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—October 11-12, 1949.
Place—1st Day, Oxford, 2nd Day, Rock Spring.
Preacher—Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

B. D. Bunn
C. N. Hobgood
L. T. Mize,
Committee

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The report on Christian Citizenship was read by Rev. R. E. Price, discussed by Rev. R. M. Hause, and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

We are fully justified in discussing Christian Citizenship because Jesus called his people "the salt of the earth." We are not only "members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones," but also witnesses of his saving grace in all our earthly relationships. We, therefore, have obligations both in and out of the churches. If Christ, "the hope of glory," is in us we should permit him through us to bring light and cleansing power to every part of human affairs that our daily lives do or ought to touch. How else shall the best be preserved, the worst be improved, and all be seasoned to make life bearable.

We dare not, then, discard the Christian way of life at the church door, and leave it there as we do a hymn-book or a choir robe until the next Sunday.

At home we must allow God, who is love, to bless and sanctify every conversation and activity. Nothing would do more to arrest the alarming trend toward unhappy homes and divorce. In 1946 every time 5 marriages were contracted two divorces were granted. A few cities, like Memphis, Tenn. reported nearly as many divorces as marriages. Are you a Christian at home?

Every agency which is seeking to help young people to live decently needs Christian support. We ought to give our best to see that the strong thirsts of boys and girls are satisfied at God's clear spring not at the filthy water-holes of the Devil. Young people of church and community have a right to expect that their Christian leaders will, by precept and example, promote good literature, clean amusements, and righteous living. Juvenile delinquency should not be promoted by adult delinquents. some Baptists will sell liquor, gamble, and defraud their neighbors to make money.

We cannot undertake to solve all problems of industry and labor, but we can seek to know the truth. We can seek Christian solutions. We can be Christians ourselves. And we can bring the light and love of Christ to bear upon all that we touch.

In race relations we need to steer a balanced course between the reciting of pious platitudes on one hand and impractical radicalism on the other. Some would preach without practicing others would practice without thinking. Improvements in the lot of some minority races and better race relations, at least in some areas, lead us to believe that Christian solutions may be found.

In everything we must prove that "Christ in us" can meet all of our needs making us better citizens here as well as hereafter. He can satisfy the thirsts of life. Paul revealed his deep acquaintance with the hearts of men when he said, "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess but be ye filled with the Spirit." Most men and women who drink to excess do so because they have a thirst for something they do not have and they think alcohol will help them find it or stop the craving. The Spirit-filled life would meet the need. We ought to help make it as hard as possible for boys and girls, man and woman to get alcohol for beverage purposes. We ought to seek legislation to prohibit its advertising. But after all that is done there will still be many "empty houses—swept and garnished," in as great need of God as ever. All real solutions to the liquor problem must begin with God.

As we seek to "let our light shine" as Christian citizens let us also give to the world with burning hearts and hands outstretched the Lord Jesus Christ who alone can satisfy and make men "every whit whole."

Ronald E. Rice

The report on Relief and Annuity was read by Rev. J. L. W. Moose, and adopted.

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REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The Relief and Annuity Board, with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, is one of the southwide boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. The purpose of the board is two-fold: (1) to provide annuities to be paid upon retirement to those persons gainfully employed in denominational work, and (2) to administer relief to those who, for various reasons, have not been able to enroll in one of the twelve plans offered by the board, such as the Ministers' Retirement Plan and the Widows' Supplement. The board has a plan to offer every person who is gainfully employed in the denominational work, whether pastor, missionary, educational director, church secretary, janitor, or employee of state or southwide board. The dues are six per cent of the member's salary, three per cent to be paid by the member and three per cent by the employing agency.

During the year 1947, the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention had an income of $3,500,000.00, and paid out in benefits the sum of $1,183,676.19.

In North Carolina, as of September 30, 1947, there were 316 beneficiaries of the Relief and Annuity Board who were receiving a total annual subsistance in the amount of $88,682.49, or an average annual beneficence of $280.64 per person.

The board urges all persons engaged in denominational work to avail themselves, wherever possible, of one of the plans of the board, that they may be provided for in old age and not become objects of charity in the communities in which they live.

J. L. Walter Moose

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Rev. W. S. Caudle offered the following resolutions:

1. Resolved that the Mt. Zion Church be given a rising vote of thanks for her cordial hospitality.
2. That Rev. W. D. Poe be extended our heartfelt thanks for his untiring efforts to make this one of the best programs possible.
3. That, as he retires as Moderator, we pledge to him our best efforts to carry on the work he has been doing through his twelve years as Moderator.

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The Memorial Service for our deceased members was lead by Miss Marie Vaughan.

As we come to the close of our Associational year, it seems proper and fitting that we pause to honor those of our members who have passed away during the year.

BRASSFIELD—Mrs. Beulah Freeman.
BULLOCK—Deacon A. A. Campbell, Deacon C. G. Royster.
CONCORD—Mrs. Sallie B. Clark, Mrs. Anne Brodgen, Mrs. Forest Suit, Mrs. K. G. Goss, Jr.
DEXTER—Mrs. Mollie Green.
ENON—Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mr. R. L. Hobgood, Mrs. Tommie Daniel.
FELLOWSHIP—Mr. R. D. Beck, Mr. J. B. Byrd, Mr. C. B. Lawrence.
HESTER—Mrs. Ernest C. Howard, Mr. Roy B. Dean, Mr. Elam Currin.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mr. L. R. Jones, Deacon G. W. Hart, Mrs. Lelia King.
MT. ZION—Mr. John B. Elliott, Deacon N. J. Jones, Miss Mary Jones, Mrs. R. Spence Jones, Mrs. Emma C. Tingen, Mrs. Walter Clark.
OLIVE GROVE—Deacon P. T. Chappell, Mrs. Carl Brinkley, Mrs. Genie Keith.
OXFORD—Mrs. Mary E. Hoyle, Mrs. R. I. Daniel, Mr. Willie Ellington, Mr. John Ellington, Mrs. R. S. Montague, Mrs. John H. Nelms, Mr. Sidney Taylor, Deacon W. H. Upchurch, Mr. H. A. Hart.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Maria Reece.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. Z. V. Yeargin, Mr. Frank Tippett, Mr. Arthur Daniel.
ROCK SPRING—Deacon W. H. Greene, Mr. Ralph Richardson, Mrs. Flora Riggan.
STOVALL—Mr. W. S. Cash, Deacon R. H. O'Brien, Miss Bettie Currin.
TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. John Beal.
TALLY HO—Mrs. A. S. Carrington.
WEST OXFORD—Mr. W. D. Dillehay, Mr. F. W. Broyal.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. Tom Woody, Sr., Mr. Tom Neathry, Mrs. Joan Wilson Knight.
CREEDMOOR—Mr. L. M. Latta, Mrs. Velma Nevills.
FLORENCE AVE.—Mr. H. R. Humphries.

Whereas God, in His Divine love and infinite wisdom deemed it fitting that these members should be released from this world and go to live in those heavenly mansions prepared for them by the One whom they honored while on earth;

Whereas, many have been blessed by their examples, and the influence of their walk with God should be a benediction and precious heritage to all of us; therefore, be it resolved:

First, that the Baptist cause and the Flat River Association have suffered a great loss.

Second, that we, as fellow Christians extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and ask God's blessing upon them. We would like to recommend to them this passage of Scripture from Psalms 116: verse 15. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Third, that we pledge our lives anew in service for the same Master whom they served.

Marie Vaughan

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Hymn, "Bless Be The Tie That Binds"
Closing prayer, Rev. W. I. Terrell.
The Association adjourns.

W. D. Poe, Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letter and Other Additions	Loss by Death	Total Losses	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Church Library
Amis Chapel	OC	1855	2 — 4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	1	3		23	215	20	235	1	8		Yes
Brassfield	OC	1823	1 — 3	E. L. Kincaid, Creedmoor	4	8	1	1	72	13	85	1			
Bullock	V	1904	1 — 3	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	9	6	2	7	106	51	157	1		Yes	
Concord	OC	1782	2	E. G. Usry, Oxford (E. G. Usry)		4	4	6	85	50	135	1			
Corinth	OC	1832	2 — 4		12	3		6	119	87	206	1	5		
Creedmoor	T	1895	2 — 4	E. L. Kincaid, Creedmoor	8	7	2	2	245	49	294	1			
Dexter	V		2 — 4	T. L. McSwain, Wake Forest	4	1	1	7	95	160	255	1	10		
Enon	OC	1875	1 — 3	W. D. Poe, Oxford	4	7	3	13			391	1			
Fellowship	OC	1840	2 — 4			4	3	7			227				
Florence Ave.	V	1891	1 — 3	R. E. Rice, Virgilina, Va.		2	1	3	60	70	130				
Grassy Creek	OC	1754	2 — 4	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	10	3		12			466	1	20		Yes
Hester	OC	1823	2 — 4	W. D. Poe, Oxford	7	6	3	13	415	97	512	1	8	Yes	
Island Creek	OC	1822	2 — 4	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	18	6	3	21	264	250	514	1	25	Yes	
Knott's Grove	OC	1903	1 — 3	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	7	7		8	75	46	135	1	5		
Mountain Creek	OC	1860	1 — 3	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	9	2	3	14	324	147	471	1	18		
Mt. Zion	V		1 — 3		11	8	6	16	243	66	309	1			Yes
Olive Grove	OC		1 — 3		30	7	3	6	125	146	271	1			Yes
Oxford	C	1848	Every	M. L. Banister, Oxford	19	29	9	67	910	362	1272	1	55		
Peace's Chapel	OC	1887	4	E. G. Usry, Oxford	10	2	1	10	250	106	356	1			
Pleasant Grove	OC	1858		E. L. Kincaid, Creedmoor	8	5	3	4			191	1			
Poplar Creek	OC	1863	1 — 4					3	92		95	1			
Providence	V	1907	1-2-4	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	12	4		9	237	50	287	1	30		
Rock Spring	OC	1886	2 — 4	J. L. W. Moose, Durham	4	2	3	6	114	194	308	1			
Sharon	OC	1896	1	E. G. Usry, Oxford	6	5		4	201	30	231	1	3		
Stovall	V	1886	Every	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	12	6	3	19	586	118	704	1	46	Yes	
Tabb's Creek	OC	1906	1 — 3	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	7	3	1	2	96	97	193	1			
Tally Ho	OC		3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest		5	1	7			163	1			
West Oxford	C	1912	Every	E. G. Usry, Oxford	2		2	11	230	53	283	1	1		
				Totals	214	145	58	307	5159	2262	8876	26	234	4	4

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. J. L. Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	40	10	7	7	17	81		
Brassfield	Mrs. T. W. Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	1					1	12					12		
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1	1	1	1	1	5	13	14	4	10	24	65	15	9
Concord	Mrs. W. B. Clark, Creedmoor	1					1	8					8		
Corinth	Mrs. Clifton Land, Oxford, Rt. 2	1		1	1	1	4	29		15	11	9	64	35	4
Creedmoor	Mrs. C. T. Mangum, Creedmoor	1	1	1	1	1	5	22	18	17	8	14	79		
Dexter	Mrs. Roy F. Dickerson, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	18		9	7	10	44	40	6
Enon	Mrs. J. T. Yancey, Oxford, Rt. 3	1	1	1	1	1	5	47	14	15	23	24	123		
Fellowship	Mrs. W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor	1					1	11					11		
Florence Ave.	Mrs. F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.	1		1		1	3	12		10		15	37	37	2
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Conway Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1			3	33	11	16			60	51	
Hester	Mrs. T. T. Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	45	30	22	28	25	150	151	4
Island Creek	Mrs. G. B. Shotwell, Henderson, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	42	22	10	13	9	96	35	14
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Sam Pittard, Oxford, Rt. 2	1		1			2	18		6			24		5
Mountain Creek	Mrs. F. G. Adcock, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	1		1	1	1	4	42		16	14	35	107	63	18
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lillian F. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	49	18	9	16	19	111	75	5
Olive Grove															
Oxford	Mrs. Reuben Green, Oxford	1	1	2	1	1	6	130	28	55	17	41	271	270	55
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Ernest Sneed, Kittrell, Rt. 2	1		1	1	1	4	16		18	10	16	60		
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Macy W. Newton, Creedmoor	1					1	14					14		
Poplar Creek	Miss Janie Satterwhite, Henderson, Rt. 3	1					1	17					17	17	
Providence	Mrs. G. O. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2	1		1	1	1	4	44		16	16	40	116	96	23
Rock Spring	Mrs. B. Matthews, Clarksville, Va., Rt. 1	1					1	28					28	10	
Sharon	Mrs. John R. Williams, Oxford, Rt. 4	1		1	1	1	4	36		15	10	11	72	4	2
Stovall	Mrs. L. G. Puckett, Stovall	2	1	1	2	1	7	47	18	26	30	23	144		
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. S. S. Parham, Oxford	1		1	1	1	4	24		11	11	11	57	40	
Tally Ho	Mrs. J. A. Newton, Stem	1					1								
West Oxford	Mrs. E. G. Usry, Oxford	1					1	31					31	15	
	Totals	28	10	20	19	17	92	828	183	297	231	343	1882	954	147

CHURCHES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Spent on Building and Remodeling	Building and Reserve Funds On Hand at End of Year	Total Church Debt At End of Year
Amis Chapel			$	$ 3,000	$ 5,286	$ 8,724.66	$
Brassfield				10,000			
Bullock			1,300	26,300	1,544.57	886.59	
Concord				3,000	920.75		
Corinth							
Creedmoor				6,615			
Dexter				5,000		1,043.11	
Enon			3,000	18,000	380.00		
Fellowship					1,773.10		
Florence Ave.							
Grassy Creek			1,600	20,000	125.14		
Hester			3,500	16,000	1,000		
Island Creek			2,500	6,500	230.00	25,516.42	
Knott's Grove			750.00	7,000			
Mountain Creek			3,600	13,000			
Mt. Zion				12,000		4,200.21	
Olive Grove				14,000	1,827.61	751.31	
Oxford	50	9	12,000	140,000	515.91		
Peace's Chapel				8,000	1,386.50		
Pleasant Grove				2,000		2,610	
Poplar Creek				4,000			
Providence			1,650	4,150	347.00	16,954.81	
Rock Spring				15,000	10,208.97		3,000
Sharon				3,200	177.35		
Stovall			1,600	31,000	4,700	406.00	
Tabb's Creek				2,000	35.00	7,011.05	
Tally Ho				2,000		971.54	
West Oxford				15,000	4,086.30	1,991.32	
Totals	50	9	$ 31,500	$ 386,765	$34,544.20	$71,067.02	$ 3,000

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Amis Chapel	G. T. Pittard, Nelson, Va.			17	12	27	26	43			2	127	105		
Brassfield	Howard Moss, Youngsville, Rt. 1				4	4		24	12		2	46	30	43	
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock			7	18	14	15	28	36			118	73	72	50
Concord	James L. Jolly, Creedmoor				6	8	10	10	8		5	47	22	14	10
Corinth	C. A. Latta, Oxford, Rt. 2			14		10	18	17	27			86	43	75	71
Creedmoor	J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor			22	22	30	25	43	34	5	4	185	100	99	88
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5	5		2	13	5	9	11	35			80	44	29	27
Enon	Sam L. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1	10		12	14	28	32	78	77	12	10	273	129	103	87
Fellowship	Sam Hobgood, Creedmoor		7	12	18	20	20	21	29			126	92		
Florence Ave.	F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.			15	10	15	10	14	16		5	85	40	35	30
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.			16	18	36	35	30	80			215	144	94	86
Hester	F. R. Barlowe, Oxford		7	8	8	36	25	40	110		6	240	144	120	110
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson			23	25	25	41	37	95	14		260	109	121	98
Knott's Grove	Sidney Knott, Oxford, Rt. 2				9			13	18			40	32	45	39
Mountain Creek	John S. Watkins, Oxford, Rt. 4	8		26	23	26	38	37	96		13	267	130	105	95
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1			10	13	20	36	28	85			192	91	125	111
Olive Grove	J. M. Emory, Northside			20	12	13	17	43	18		2	125	66		
Oxford	B. D. Bunn, Oxford	30	6	48	63	95	93	184	115	40	3	677	385	175	151
Peace's Chapel	Clifton Walters, Oxford, Rt. 2	8		9	13	20	35	20	45			150	86	52	37
Pleasant Grove	Lee Smith, Creedmoor											90	60	41	38
Poplar Creek	M. C. Boyd, Henderson, Rt. 3			3	3	8	6	6	8			34	25	35	32
Providence	G. O. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2			30	25	30	25	72	40			222	104	160	144
Rock Spring	Russell Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5			10	8	14	9	9	30			80	35		
Sharon	Fate Denny, Oxford, Rt. 1	33		3	6	15	21	23	40			141	56	87	80
Stovall	Thornton Stovall, Stovall			32	24	43	45	43	122		3	312	144	88	78
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5			11	9	10	10	15	28		10	93	48		
Tally Ho	W. G. Clayton, Stem			10		15		15	30			70	25		29
West Oxford	John Crumpler, Oxford		5	7	20	33	29	78	50	12	6	240	114	60	55
	Totals	94	25	367	396	600	630	982	1284	83	71	4621	88	1778	69

TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Number of Story Hours	Number of Junior Unions	Number of Intermediate Unions	Number of Young Peoples Unions	Number of Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Youth Week	Christian Home Week
Florence Ave.	Mrs. R. E. Rice, Virgilina, Va.			1			1			35				35	25		
Island Creek	Wallace Edward, Henderson, Rt. 3	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	10	38	6	37	2	99	30		
Mountain Creek	Elbert Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		1	1		1	3		16	25		13	3	57	20		
Oxford	Miss Louise Pender, Oxford		1	1	1		3		20	18	15		2	55	35	Yes	Yes
Providence	Mrs. Flora Mann, Oxford, Rt. 2		1				1		25					25	18		
Stovall	Mrs. J. C. Guthrie, Stovall	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	16	21	15	25	4	91	39		
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. Roy Belcher, Oxford, Rt. 3		1	1	1		3		8	12	15		4	39	26		
	Totals	2	6	6	4	3	21	16	95	149	51	75	15	401	193	1	1

GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals
Amis Chapel	S. A. Harris, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	404.97	81.00			72.81		209.27	3
Brassfield	Mrs. Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	167.54			2.00	6.10		129.87	4
Bullock	F. E. Davis, Bullock	400.00	80.00	102.05	23.00	227.50	150.00	495.88	5
Concord	C. C. Currin, Northside	18.00			5.00	5.00		16.00	2
Corinth	Nat T. Brummitt, Kittrell, Rt. 2	109.94	103.00	8.03	21.68	16.30		50.10	3
Creedmoor	Mrs. Katie L. Fleming, Creedmoor	220.14	100.00	11.50	17.50	14.15		277.15	4
Dexter	Graham J. Owen, Jr., Henderson, Rt. 3	83.34	75.00	12.90	22.90	31.75		16.00	
Enon	G. A. Green, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,286.17	150.00	190.00	192.91	274.78	382.00	518.00	8
Fellowship	Miss Alice Beck, Creedmoor	59.03	75.00	53.47	11.00	84.53		147.47	3
Florence Ave.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	180.65		27.00	25.75	21.00		157.12	3
Grassy Creek	C. D. Winston, Nelson, Va.	600.00	150.00	20.79	21.72	1,030.00	18.00	200.00	3
Hester	C. N. Hobgood, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,727.92		200.00	282.39	306.55	675.00	430.00	9
Island Creek	G. W. Norwood, Henderson, Rt. 3	631.50	41.67	114.85	78.40	76.00	400.00	216.95	6
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	362.24		5.42	23.90	58.31		79.58	6
Mountain Creek	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,819.31	125.00	68.18	17.79	52.16		414.11	8
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lillian F. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	428.44	100.00	39.35	31.65	39.52		162.20	3
Olive Grove	W. D. Emory, Northside	100.00	150.00	42.56	75.38			43.11	3
Oxford	Mrs. E. T. Hester, Oxford	6,504.68		80.92		732.00	184.67		19
Peace's Chapel	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, Rt. 2	176.66	140.00					124.61	3
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	30.00	75.00	14.25	7.01	7.01		43.10	1
Poplar Creek	Mrs. H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4	74.00	33.00	38.00	18.00	18.00		25.00	2
Providence	J. T. Watkins, Oxford, Rt. 2	638.64	91.35	14.30	28.03	118.83		180.20	4
Rock Spring	George Harris, Henderson, Rt. 5	194.87	180.00					153.30	1
Sharon	R. S. Greenway, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	245.65		16.40				200.00	4
Stovall	Marrow Stovall, Stovall	1,180.39	161.14	207.20	106.40	412.35	141.50	260.78	6
Tabb's Creek	D. C. Critcher, Oxford, Rt. 3	96.33		18.57	24.63	35.70		86.00	2
Tally Ho		94.00		32.29	38.25		4.00	8.00	3
West Oxford	Mrs. S. E. Beasley, Oxford, Rt. 3	104.75	100.00	30.00				160.00	16
	Totals	$17,939.16	$ 2,011.16	$ 1,348.03	$ 1,705.29	$ 3,640.35	$ 1,955.17	$ 4,803.80	$ 1,44

GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Janitor, Fuel, Repairs, Insurance, etc.	Asst. Pastor, Educational Director, Choir Leader	Revival Expense and Pastoral Supply	Paid on Church Debt out of Current Funds	Literature, Quarterlies Church Paper, Song Books	Local Benevolences	Building Fund (given
Amis Chapel	Roy Frazier, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	$ 300	$ 213.90	$ 60.00	$ 115.29	$	$ 95.00	$ 45.29	$
Brassfield	Mrs. E. L. Veasey, Franklinton, Rt. 1	412	100.00	50.00	50.00		30.00		
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	800	1,975.82		140.00	188.00	286.87	134.63	48
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	300	945.75		81.69		24.85	16.00	
Corinth	Milton Blackly, Oxford, Rt. 2	400	414.00		155.92		87.42		
Creedmoor	Mrs. Katie L. Fleming, Creedmoor	975	326.80		210.00		336.48	83.00	4,50
Dexter	I. T. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5	360			100.00		65.65	40.50	3
Enon	J. T. Yancey, Oxford, Rt. 3	1,500	375.00	25.00	150.00		161.56		1,19
Fellowship	W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor	633.72	327.03		75.00		112.72	68.15	
	[illegible]	600	1,500				115.00		

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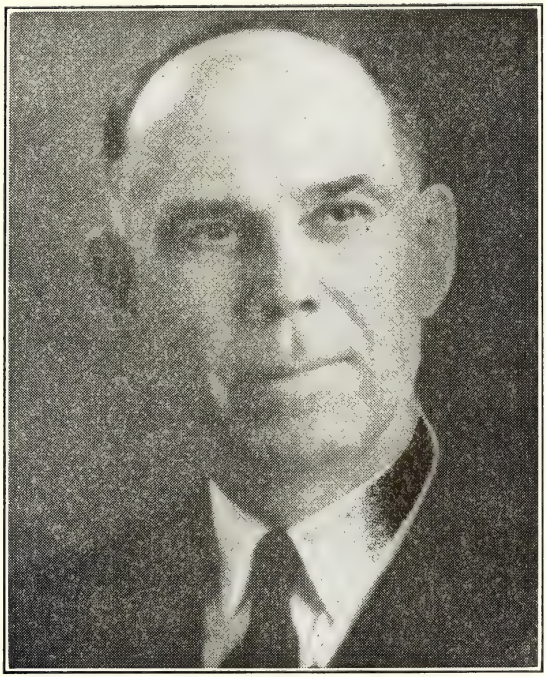

WILLIAM DOWD POE

PASTOR—Enon and Hester Churches
1926-1948

MODERATOR—Flat River Association
1937-1948

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual meeting of the Association and shall be received into fellowship of the Association upon a majority vote of the messengers present.

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member from each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such other committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

M. L. Banister
Leo Bridges
W. S. Caudle
E. W. Greene
Norman Hicks
Ronald D. Hicks
Ray Hodge
E. L Kincaid
J. L W. Moose
C H. Norris
Ronald E. Rice
W. I. Terrell
C. A. Upchurch
E. G. Usry
Roger E. Williams, Jr.

MESSENGERS 1949 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—G. W. Yancey, G. T. Pittard.
BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, Mrs. T. W. Allen.
BULLOCK—Mrs. T. A. Royster.
CONCORD—Mrs. Harvey Goss.
CORINTH—P. C. Blackley, Mrs. Frank Averette, Mrs. G. C. Land.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. J. L. Rogers, Mrs. W. W. Whitfield, Mr. Allen Cross, Mrs. Mamie Zabriskie.
DEXTER—Mrs. S. W. Greene, S. W. Greene, Augustus Greene, C. N. Ball.
ENON—Mrs. S. T. Knott, Mrs. C. P. Critcher, Mrs. E. S. Averette.
FELLOWSHIP—Myrtle Whitaker, Alice Beck, Alvis Whitaker, Mrs. Zella Strother.
FLORENCE AVE.—Miss Bettie Royster, Mrs. F. E. Winfree.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. C. T. Winston.

HESTER—Mrs. C. S. Puckett, C. S. Puckett, Mrs. Sterling Carrington, F. R. Barlowe, A. B. Dean, Marsh Currin, Raymond Adcock, H. J. Brooks, Nelson Currin, H. M. Puckett.

ISLAND CREEK—J E. Jones, Mrs. S. W. Norwood, Charlie O'Brien, Mrs. Cliff Tippett, Zeb Clark, S. E. Wilson, Mrs. M. D. Woody.

KNOTT'S GROVE—J. F. Dean, Sam Pittard, Mrs. Sam Pittard, W. H. Blackwell.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—John S. Watkins, Mrs. S. R. Murray, Mrs. F. G. Adcock, R. T. Eakes, Mrs. S. C. Hart.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Graham Daniel, Mrs. Russell Daniel, Mrs. Beam O'Brian, Beam O'Brian, Thomas Hobgood.

OLIVE GROVE—R. C. Perry.

OXFORD—Mrs. Reuben T. Green, J. E. Pittard, Mrs. W. H. Upchurch, Mrs. W. A. Mitchener, Mrs. Lonnie Nelms.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—George Gresham, L. B. Newton, Mrs. Vincent Morton, Mrs. Clifton Walters.

PLEASANT GROVE—Lee Smith, Elbert Averette, Mrs. Elbert Averette, Mrs. Albert Lawrence.

POPLAR CREEK—Batt Ellington.

PROVIDENCE—G. W. Watkins, Glenn Daniel, C. H. Piper, Mrs. George Watkins, Mrs. Glenn Daniel.

ROCK SPRING—William Reese, G. T. Wilson, Russell Green, E. J. Knott, John E Wilson, Hunter Green.

SHARON—Horace Elliott, Roy Humphreys, Archie Denny.

STOVALL—Mrs. H. B. Williams, H. L. O'Brien, Mrs. J. B. Pittard, Mrs. W. S. Caudle.

TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. Jamie Currin, Mrs. W. M. Brummitt.

TALLY-HO—V. E. Duncan, Edward Lee Clayton, Mrs. J. A. Newton.

WEST OXFORD—D. F. Lanier, W. O. Dickerson, Z. C. Mangum, Mrs. D. F. Lanier, Mrs. W. H. Long.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Oxford Church, October 11, 10:00 A. M.

Rev. M. L. Banister, Moderator, called the Association to order.

Hymn. "Lead On, O King Eternal."

Prayer by Rev. V. E. Duncan.

Roll Call of Pastors and Messengers.

The Moderator recognized the following: Rev. Joe B. Currin and Rev. Kenneth Clark.

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GENERAL MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Fred Phipps, Associational Superintendent.

REPORT ON WOMANS' MISSIONARY UNION

Your Auxiliary, The Woman's Missionary Union, is happy to bring you its annual report. We, its members are "laborers together with God", and through another year of service we have tried to help send out His light and His truth.

It was with deep regret that the resignation of Mrs. W. D. Poe as Superintendent was accepted last January. The W. M. U. has made steady progress during her faithful, efficient leadership.

During 1949 the usual meetings have been held, the Leadership Conference in January, the 40th annual meeting at Enon in April. This was a day of inspiration, Miss Minne Berry, Mrs. H. G. Hammett, and Miss Hilda Mayo were our guest speakers.

The Women and young people of the Flat River Association are humble and grateful that God has blessed them in their service for Him during the past year. In offerings they have placed upon His altar gifts amounting to $10,411.38 to be used to enlarge His work and make His name known throughout the world.

Study has a prominent place in our plans. We have seen evidence of more Missionary reading as we have recorded increased subscriptions to our magazines and a larger number of Mission study classes, 129 classes were reported last year and 917 religious

periodicals go into the homes of our members monthly. Mrs. Broadie O'Brian is our Mission study chairman.

Community Missions continues in its blessed Mission of helping Women and Young People to exalt the Savior in their own Community. More of our members are active in this work than ever before. Mrs. Calvin Frazier is our Community Mission Chairman.

Mrs. W. A. Mitchener, our stewardship Chairman was elected Superintendent of the Raleigh Division at Dunn, October 4th.

Prayer for Missions and Missionaries is one of the chief aims of W. M. U. by use of the calender of prayer and participation in the three seasons of prayer and observance of the 9 o'clock prayer hour each morning, our women and young people are working for missions upon their knees.

Not for want of time, material, nor opportunity to use it do we have to confess our year was not all it should have been, though some progress was made.

There is much work to be done in this Association as we strive to increase our interest, organize new societies, reach the unenlisted, enlarge our gifts, plan more definite work for the young people and seek to bring the lost to Christ.

As we "Labor together with God, to make known to the Sons of men His Mighty Acts and the glory of the Majesty of His Kingdom," we are praying for the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. Fred A. Phipps, Supt.

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The report on State Missions was read by Mr. Harold O'Brien.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Most of the churches in North Carolina have been aided in one way or another through the State Mission Program. Within the past fifteen years some four hundred churches have come into existence, and State Missions has helped in one way or another three fourths of them.

As the denomination has grown so has the State Mission Program. There are now nineteen different activities in this program. These activities are listed herewith:

S—Sunday School work.
T—Training Union work.
A—Summer Assemblies.
T—Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio etc.).
E—Evangelism city and association wide revivals and missionary activities.
M—New and needy churches.
I—Work among the Indians.
S—Schools for ministers.
S—Work among silent people.
I—International Activities.
O—Other activities, including Allied Church League, Rural Work.
N—Neglected Areas (Lots for new churches).
S—Student work among 15,000 Baptist students.

Rev. John T. Biddle has recently been called and is now serving as our Associational Missionary. The State Mission Board recently purchased a tent and services are

being held in it at Tungstein North Carolina. Flat River Asso.

How is this great program supported?

State Missions receives 13% of the total gifts through the co-op. program. In addition to that some money is received through the S. School Training Unions, and student work, then the W. M. Union makes a special offering in September, then October is State Mission month. During that month, and particularly on the last two Sundays the people are asked to make a special offering through the Sunday Schools and churches for all these activities.

Let us remember that State Missions is not one object but nineteen. One's offering therefore would need be a dollar if only five cents is given to each activity.

Harold L. O'Brien

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The report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. W. A. Mitchener in the absence of the author, Mrs. Ben Averette.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The annual report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Oklahoma City, May, 1949, revealed a successful year in evangelism with 46,351 conversions. There were 741 missionaries serving during the year with an additional group of 287 student summer workers giving three months of service.

Direct missionaries distributed 48,336 copies of the Bible and Gospel portions and 1,776,704 pages of tracts. The magazine, *Southern Baptist Home Missions,* had a circulation of 116,000. Mission study books, sold through the book stores, numbered 127,000.

There were 281 new missions opened during the year, 53 among the language groups, 129 in city missions, and 99 in the western states. The report showed 245 new churches constituted and 54 revived, 23 among the language groups, 98 in the city missions program, 33 in rural work, and 90 in the western states. There were 54 churches revived in rural areas.

Departments of home mission work include: church building and loan, radio, Southern Baptist chaplains, general field workers, work among the Negroes, and departments of education and publicity, Jewish work, evangelism, summer student missions, co-operative missions (city missions, rural church program, western missions program, mountain missions), and direct missions (Cuba, Canal Zone, Panama, Indians, Spanish-Mexicans, Cubans in the States, French, Italians, Chinese, Japanese, language groups, deaf, mission centers, rescue missions).

Mrs. Ben Averette

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The report on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. C. D. Winston.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptists have mission work in thirty geographical areas. In seven of these areas work is at present carried on by nationals without missionary personnel; (three of these are in Communist Europe, three in Communist China and the other in Moslem

Trans-Jordan). *The Foreign Mission Board has* 689 *active missionaries under appointment, working in* 119 *mission centers.*

Seventy-three missionaries were appointed in 1948; forty-six additional appointments were made between January 1 and May 31, 1949. Missionaries are stationed in four new areas: Guatemala, Venezula, Formosa, and West China. Also, Costa Rica with two missionaries was transferred from the Home Mission Board to the Foreign Mission Board on May 1, 1949.

Several new centers have been opened, including Paysandu, Uruguay; Valparaiso, Chile; Barquisimeto, Venezuela; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Zurich, Switzerland; Beirut, Lebanon; Taipeh, Formosa; Wuwei, West China.

In response to an undercurrent of insistence, Secretary M. Theron Rankin, early in 1948, proposed an advance program calling for an annual budget of $10,000,000 and a total staff of 1750 missionaries. This grew into the Southern Baptist Advance Program presented to the Convention in Oklahoma City in May launching a campaign for advancement all along the line, from the local church to the world mission fields, based on the principle of a fifty-fifty division of the collectionplate dollar.

Foreign Mission advance depends upon devotion to Christ and his kingdom program. The Holy Spirit will provide the necessary resources in men and money, if Southern Baptists are determined to do the will of God.

Mrs. C. D. Winston

These reports were discussed as a whole by Rev. G. W. Bullard, State Superintendent of Associational Missions, and adopted. The Moderator recognized Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr., Rev. Ronald D. Hicks and Mrs. Williams, Grand Mother of Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Committees, made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We submit for election as committee chairmen for the coming Associational year the following:

Christian Education ---------- Mr. Sam Knott
Christian Citizenship ---------- Mr. Glenn Daniel
Cooperative Program ---------- Mr. Thomas Hobgood
Orphanage ---------- Mrs. H. H. Hicks
Hospital ---------- Mrs. Reuben Green
Religious Literature ---------- Mrs. Hubert Sanderford
State Missions ---------- Mr. George Wilson
Home Missions ---------- Mrs. John R. Williams
Foreign Missions ---------- Mr. Nat T. Brummitt
Relief and Annuity ---------- Mr. D. F. Lanier
Sunday School (Asso. Supt.) ----------
Training Union (Asso. Director) ----------
W. M. U. (Asso. Supt.) ----------

We submit the following to comprise the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher:
—Mr. C. H. Piper
—Mrs. Casper Critcher
—Mr. Lee Smith

We submit the following to comprise the Committee on Nominations, to nominate an Auditor of the Association, a Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, and two members of the Executive Committee at Large; and any other such nominations as shall be called for by the Constitution of the Flat River Baptist Association:
—W. I. Terrell
—R. C. Perry
—Mrs. Clif Tippett

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. Sterl Carrington and Mrs. Lonnie Nelms.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Norman Hicks and Rev. John T. Biddle, Associational Missionary.

Rev. B. E. Morris of West Durham spoke on the Wake Forest College Campaign.

Special Music by Miss Ruth Harover, Minister of Music of the Oxford Church.

Announcement by Rev. M. L. Banister host to the association.

Annual Sermon preached by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Subject—"Evangelism"

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"
Prayer by Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. M. L. Banister and Mr. T. W. Allen were reelected Moderator and Vice-Moderator respectively. Sam A. Howard was reelected Clerk, and Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. was elected Treasurer. Motion was made and carried that the chair appoint a committee to assist the Treasurer.

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The report of Committee on Nominations was read by Rev. W. I. Terrell.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Auditor ---------- Mr. John Ed Pittard, Oxford
Asso. S. S. Supt. ---------- Mr. V. E. Duncan, Tally Ho
Asso. T. U. Director ---------- Mrs. W. S. Caudle, Stovall

Two members at large to serve on the Executive Committee for a period of four years:

Mr. Clifton Walters, Peace's Chapel
Mr. Sam Hobgood, Fellowship

W. Isaac Terrell
Mrs. C. S. Tippett
R. C. Perry

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT

FOR

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 1949

Few associational missionaries are privileged to begin their services under such favorable circumstances as did your present missionary. Therefore, I am happy to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Brother Roger Williams, and all the other associational officers for the truly fine work they did before my coming to the Association; and for their continued earnest and prayerful support since. And to the pastors and their churches I am no less grateful for the warm welcome I have received, with such co-operation I face the future with confidence. Continue to pray for me brethren and sisters, that I may serve you well. In as much as each of the department leaders will bring reports on their work, I shall only give summary of my efforts:

Churches visited	23
Missions visited	1
Sermons preached	17
Prayer meetings	1
Film slides	2
W. M. U. Programs	3
W. M. U. Study Courses	2
Funerals conducted	1
Church conferences	3
Radio Programs	5
Other addresses	2
S. S. mass meetings	1
S. S. Planning meetings	1
S. S. Ass'n. Supts meetings	1
T. U. Mass meetings	2
T. U. Div. Meetings	1
Executive Com. meetings	2
Money received and given to Asso. Treas.	$145.00
Total meetings attended in local churches	44

No attempt is made to report conferences, group and individual committees attended.

THINGS HOPED FOR IN 1950

T. U. Clinics (group) 2
S. S. Clinics (group) 2
Whole Ass'n. Census
Associational Visitation Day.
Preachers Revival (5 days)

OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION

Ass'n. Missions Conference Fruitland 1 week.
Rural Ch. Enlg. Revival Union Ass'n. 1 week.
School of Missions Sandy Creek Assn. 1 week.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

W. M. U. Study Courses:
West Oxford—Oct. 12
Amis Chapel—Oct. 30
Providence—Nov. 18
Mt. Zion—Dec. 2
Grassy Creek—(?)
Dexter—(?)

TRAINING UNION:
Hester—Oct. 24-28

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Planning meetings in churches—(?)
Group Clinic, Mt. Creek—Oct. 17-21
Group Clinic, Creedmoor—Oct. 31 Nov. 4.

KINGDOM INVESTMENTS:
Corinth—Nov. 21-22
Grassy Creek—Nov. 23-24
Oxford First—Nov. 25.

ASSOCIATION-WIDE EFFORTS:
Rural Church Enlg. Revival—April 16-21, 1950.
School of Missions—Oct. 29—Nov. 3, 1950

Rev. John T. Biddle

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the chairman, Rev. W. S. Caudle, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The work of the Executive Committee has been filled with anxiety and satisfaction, joys and sorrow, accomplishments and hinderances. Five meetings have been held this year. At the first meeting following the last Associational meeting, your Executive Committee elected the following officers: W. S. Caudle, Chairman; R. W. Winston, Vice-Chairman; F. R. Barlowe, Clerk. Immediately the Committee as a whole set it's face toward the future and began to make plans to carry out the mission which the Association had intrusted to it. The Committee was divided into smaller committees in keeping with the Constitution. These Committees were: Christian Education, Christian Citizenship, Co-operative Program, Religious Literature, Orphanage and Hospital, Pastoral Relations, Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U. and Emergency. Most of these committees report some progress made during the year.

The program for our future work within our Association is planned—in part—well into the year of 1951. The task is far from being completed but the Committee has confidence in the Churches that they will join whole-heartedly in the task and bring honor to our Lord as we march ever onward to a greater day for our Flat River Association.

At the April meeting, the resignation of Rev. Roger Williams, Jr. was heard and accepted with regrets and best wishes. He had been serving efficiently as Associational Missionary. He was not lost entirely to the Association for he is the progressive Pastor of Hester Church. We wish to commend this Church and Pastor for their faith in beginning the first rural, full-time program within our Associational territory. After his resignation, a committee was appointed to secure an Associational Missionary, composed of Rev. R. E. Rice, Rev. W. I. Terrell and Layman Frank H. Hicks.

The above Committee was led to the Rev. John T. Biddle, who was serving as an Associational Missionary in the Randolph Association. Brother Biddle was called and came on the field July 1. He has begun a comprehensive program and, we think, an attainable program.

The Committee lost several of it's members during the year. We were saddened at the home-going of our beloved W. D. Poe and our Vice-Chairman and Auditor R. W. Winston. We rejoice in their triumph. Mr. B. D. Bunn resigned to become President of Chowan College and has moved from our Association. Mrs. W. D. Poe has resigned as President of the W. M. U. ,T. L. McSwain and E. M. Powell have left the Association.

Mrs. Fred Phipps has come to us as W. M. U. President and Mr. John Ed Pittard was elected to fill the unexpired term of R. W. Winston, deceased.

There has been harmony in the meetings of the Executive Committee and a great spirit of fellowship has prevailed among us. The work has been hindered because some of the members have been unable to attend the meetings. Great care should be given to the appointment of members of the Executive Committee. Men and women should be elected who are consecrated and who are not deprived of attending the Executive Committee meetings because of vocations.

W. S. Caudle, Chr.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Rev. W. S. Caudle and adopted along with the Auditor's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

FOR

OCTOBER 1, 1948 TO OCTOBER 10, 1949

Balance on hand in General Fund		$ 106.99
Amount transferred from Projector Fund		22.36
Amount Transferred from Minute Fund		78.04
Amount Received from Churches, Supply and Convention		4,523.47
Total to be accounted for		4,730.86
Total expenditures	$4,234.94	
Less unreconciled difference	39.09	
Amount Paid out		4,195.85
Balance		535.01
Outstanding Checks		5.75
Net Balance to date		$ 529.26

W. S. Caudle, Treasurer

Audited and approved with exceptions noted—October 10, 1949.

J. E. Pittard, Auditor

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The report of the Finance Committee was read by Rev. Ronald E. Rice, discussed by him, Rev. W. I. Terrell, Rev. W. S. Caudle and adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Suggested Budget for 1949-50:	
Missionary's Salary	$3,000.00
House Rent	600.00
Office Rent	120.00
Telephone for Office	51.40
Travel	300.00
Bulletins and Mailing	150.00
Convention Expenses	100.00
Relief and Annuity	120.00
Associational Clerk	60.00
Associational Treasurer	60.00

Printing of Minutes and Mailing	150.00
Baptist Training Union	50.00
W. M. U.	50.00
Assoc. Sunday School	50.00
Incindentals	138.60
TOTAL BUDGET	$5,000.00
Less State Convention Supplement	1,200.00
Amount to be secured by Association	$3,800.00

M. L. Banister, Chm.
W. Isaac Terrell
Ronald E. Rice

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The report on Religious Literature was read by Rev. E. W. Greene in the absence of the author Rev. E. L. Kincaid, and discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The present circulation of the BIBLICAL RECORDER IS AROUND 43,000. For our large circulation we are grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists who have supported the paper enthusiastically and have done what they could to get it into the homes of the people. We express our appreciation to General Secretary M. A. Huggins and all the State workers for the great help which they have rendered.

The RECORDER has three subscription plans: 2.50 a year for individual subscriptions; $2.00 a year in clubs—a minimum of at least 3 subscriptions is required for every church reporting less than 100 members, and 5 subscriptions for every church reporting more than 100 members, $1.50 a year for the Every-family Plan—one subscription for each resident church family is required. We hope that pastors, superintendents, deacons, Training Unions, and W. M. U. leaders will do what they can to encourage a good club in every Baptist church; or better still, persuade the churches to inaugurate the Every-family Plan. At the present time there are 300 churches which have the RECORDER in every resident family. There are 783 churches which have RECORDER clubs.

Our aim is to make the BIBLICAL RECORDER both a wholesome, attractive family weekly and a solid, substantial denominational journal. We feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, organized in 1830, has as its purpose, according to the Constitution, the promotion of "missions, education, social service, and the distribution of the Bible and *sound religious literature.*" We purposely underscore the words "sound religious literature."

E. L. Kincaid

The report on the Cooperative Program was read by Rev. Ronald E. Rice, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

In the year 1948 North Carolina Baptists sent approximately 48% of their total missionary gifts through the cooperative program. In the Flat River Association we gave approximately 49% of all missionary money through the Cooperative Program. While these figures do not pretend to be exact, yet they are indicative of the fact that many of our people believe in this way of giving.

All money given through the Cooperative Program is divided equally between State and Southwide causes. Of every $100.00 contributed $50.00 is sent to the Southern Baptist Convention to be used for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Relief and Annuity, and the three seminaries. Of the $50.00 kept in North Carolina, $7.00 goes to the Hospital, $13.00 to State Missions, and $30.00 to the Baptist colleges.

Quoting from the 1948 report of the General Board, "The program as a method, or plan, gains interest and support only as our people are led to see it. After working with it for nearly a quarter of a century it is now known that it is a superb plan, and it is also known that the greater part of our people will support it if and when they are led to understand it."

Therefore, in making this report we urge our pastors to keep their people informed regarding the cooperative program. We should like to suggest also to our Baptist people that they try earnestly to increase the gifts of the churches through the co-operative program.

Ronald E. Rice

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Hymn—"Take My Life And Let It Be."
Prayer by Rev. E. G. Usry.
Adjourned.

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SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

This session was opened at Rock Spring Church with singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and prayer by Rev. J. W. L. Moose.

The Moderator recognized the following: Mr. J. D. Fraley, Treasurer of the Baptist Orphanage and Mrs. Fraley, also Mrs. Caudle, mother of Rev. W. S. Caudle.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks in the absence of the author, Dr. James F. Pruitt.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Vacation Bible Schools of the Association showed an increase over last year. It was under the able leadership of Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Miss Neva Harper, and workers of the various churches. All but one church had a Vacation Bible School, and we are hoping that all of the churches will have them in 1950.

There were 2281 enrolled with an average attendance of 1857, which represents an increase of 280.

With new churches being built which will provide better facilities for teaching, I believe that 1950 should break all records pertaining to Sunday School provided all members work earnestly for God's Kingdom.

James F. Pruitt

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The report on Training Union work was read by Mrs. W. S. Caudle.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Training Union work in this Association has shown much progress in the past year. At the beginning of our 1949 Associational year we only had six Training Unions, and some of these were not fully graded. Last January West Oxford organized a fully graded Training Union and in February Bullock did the same.

During the week of April 10-16 our State Training Union workers, and many volunteer workers came into our Association to put on a Training Union Enlargement Campaign. Only eleven of our twenty-eight churches participated, however, we feel that the effort was well worth while, for two new Training Unions were organized, and the old ones were strengthened and given new life. Since that time Peace's Chapel and Rock Spring have organized Training Unions, bringing the total Unions to twelve, and before the end of this month another will be added to these.

The value of training our church members for Christian service cannot be over emphasized. Many of our churches are badly in need of trained teachers and officers and the finest way to get them is to train them in a Training Union.

My goal for the coming year is a fully graded Training Union in each of our twenty-eight churches.

Mrs. W. Shelly Caudle,
Training Union Director

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The report on Christian Education was read by Mr. F. R. Barlowe, discussed by Dr. George Griffen of Wake Forest College and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention there are in operation thirty-one senior colleges, twenty-four junior colleges and eight academies with an enrollment of approximately 55,000 students. Of this number about 6,500 are ministerial students with over 2,000 more volunteers for full-time Christian service.

In North Carolina we have six Baptist colleges with an enrollment of 5,481 which is about 10% of all the Baptist students of the South.

Our Baptist colleges are at a considerable disadvantage when compared to the state institutions unless we increase our appropriations considerably. For this year the State of North Carolina has appropriated approximately $400.00 per student in the various institutions it supports while the Baptist colleges will have about $60.00 per student enrolled. Anyone can readily see the difficulty that the Baptist colleges are having and will continue to have trying to furnish good facilities, the proper equipment and well trained instructors on $60.00 per student while the state spends $400.00 for the same purpose. Baptist colleges need more money per student than other colleges because they need the best facilities and equipment and should, and do, use more care in the selection of their instructors because their purpose is two-fold, that is the training of both the mind and the heart while the state is interested principally with the mind only.

The following suggestions are made as a means to further the Christian program in our colleges;

1—Find and direct to our colleges the most outstanding and capable young men and women.

2—Advertise the work being carried on by our colleges to the young people who may be interested in a college education.

3—Familiarize ourselves and the church membership as a whole with the Christian educational program as it is being carried on by our colleges so that we will be more interested in lending ourselves and our money to the support of these schools.

4—Let us substitute prayer in the place of criticism of our Christian education as it is being carried on by these institutions.

F. R. Barlowe

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The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Mrs. Macy Newton, discussed by Mr. J. D. Fraley and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Since the establishment of our orphanage on August 5, 1885 thousands of homeless boys and girls have been cared for. Last year we helped 793 children in Mills Home, Kennedy Home, in foster homes, and helped other needy children in their homes with their mothers. Help was given 22 more children than in 1947 and 93 more than in 1946. A new cottage is soon to be opened at Kennedy Home that can take care of 24 more children. Because of new buildings and improvements our orphanage spent $56,000 more than it received. It seems now that this will happen again this year. We did not go in debt but dipped heavily into our reserve fund. Let's help to rebuild that reserve fund quickly.

As I represent the Orphanage today, I am urging you as true Christians to do three things for it next year. First, learn something of what is being done by both workers and children. Visit the Mills and Kennedy Homes and become acquainted with the children. Second, love both children and workers, pray for them, become concerned about them. Third, lend of your material and spiritual wealth to your Baptist Orphanage. "Ye are not your own, but are bought with a price." Give good account of your stewardship by feeding well the fatherless and needy lambs of our state.

Mrs. Macy Newton

Special Music by Rev. M. L. Banister, Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Rev. W. S. Caudle and Rev. W. I. Terrell.

Mr. T. W. Allen, Vice-Moderator was called to the chair and took over the gavel.

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The report on Baptist Hospital was read by Mr. Charles F. Jones, discussed by Chaplain Fred L. Bell and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Teaching and healing, two of the principal precepts of Christ's ministry, are the main objectives of your Baptist Hospital, which, together with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College forms the only Baptist-owned hospital and medical school combined in the world today.

Originally planned as a 100-bed institution, the hospital was enlarged in 1942 to a capacity of 260 beds and 55 bassinets. The hospital admits approximately 8,800 persons per year as bed patients.

The school of nursing began operation with the opening of the hospital in 1923 and graduated its first class in 1926. A total of 386 students have graduated since then in 22 classes.

The hospital is the property of North Carolina Baptists and is the concrete expression of their desire to minister to the whole person. A patient's need for pastoral care is increased, rather than lessened, by his physical difficulties. To meet this need, the hospital has established a full Department of Religion with a director, a chaplain and a student secretary. The chaplain is on call 24 hours a day at the hospital.

Funds received each year in Mother's Day Offerings are used to pay the hospital expenses of those patients who can pay only a part of their hospitalization or nothing at all. Receipts from the churches in Mother's Day Offerings in 1948 totaled $141,150.51, and a goal of $150,000 has been set for 1949. The total includes the value of linens contributed through Women's Missionary Unions and estimated at $2,115.09 last year. Approximately half of the 8,800 bed patients admitted to the hospital in 1948 and all those seen in the outpatient clinics (36,000 visits) paid no doctor's fee and were assisted by the Mother's Day Offering. The hospital provided more free service in 1948 than any other denominationally-controlled hospital in the South. Free service amounting to $314,777.17.

Charles F. Jones

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Special Music.

Inspirational Message by Rev. Norman Hicks.

Prayer by Rev. W. I. Terrell.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"I Am Bound For The Promised Land."
Prayer by Rev. John T. Biddle.

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The report on Christian Citizenship was read by Mr. T. W. Allen, discussed by Rev. W. I. Terrell and adopted.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

The responsibility of a christian citizen goes far beyond that of just a citizen. A christian will not willfully do the things forbidden by law. The added responsiblity to christian citizenship begins where the law ends. Christ taught his followers to be active, not only in religious life, but all the other activities of the community that help to make this a better world.

If we live our lives as a citizen in our community and it has not been made better, our lives have been a failure. Christ's plan for saving this world is through his followers. In almost two thousand years we have made poor progress in not what we did, but what we did not do. Too long we have recognized Sin only as an act of commission. We should continue to teach that it is wrong for a christian to drink Alcoholic Beverage in any form, Steal or commit any Sin.

We should just as forceable teach that God gave to each of us talents, or a talent as it may be. The failure to use these talents, or to make the wrong use of them, is the greatest sin of our day. Nowhere in the Bible do we find a stronger rebuke and a more severe punishment than Christ gave the unfaithful servant in the parable of the talents. There is a difference in being a christian and living a christian life. Salvation is a free gift of God. Christian living is service, service in christian citizenship.

T. W. Allen

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The report on Relief and Annuity was read by Rev. E. G. Usry, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The reports reviewing the work of the Relief and Annuity Board presented to the Board in its annual meeting in Dallas on March 9 clearly showed 1948 to be a year of splendid achievement in service rendered and in increased assets.

Officers of the Board were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer-investments.

The total income for 1948 was $3,888,740.40, with total benefits paid amounting to $1,292,341.84. Total assets of the Board as of December 31, 1948, were $15,094,093.60.

There were 2,297 new certificates issued in all the plans of the Board, 774 of them being in the Ministers Retirement Plan.

The relief department paid out $237,252.09 to 1,385 beneficiaries. In nine states more money was spent for relief than was received for relief in those states. We would urge every church in the association to follow the Calendar of Denominational Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention and take a fellowship offering, preferably at the observance of the Lord's Supper, or at such time as convenient for the church. Unless this is done no increases can be granted in 1949 and few new names can be added to the roll.

E. G. Usry

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The report on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Mrs. Casper Critcher and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

TIME—Tuesday and Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October.
PLACE—Tuesday—Enon.
Wednesday—Stovall.
PREACHER—Rev. W. I. Terrell.
Alternate—Rev. Ronald D. Hicks.

Committee—C. H. Piper
Lee Smith
Mrs. Casper Critcher

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The report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

That we extend to Oxford, Dexter and Rock Spring churches our sincere appreciation for their warm welcome and bountiful hospitality.

Our commendation to Rev. M. L. Banister as Pastor of the Hostess church and Moderator of the association.

We are deeply grateful for the inspiring messages brought to us by pastors and laymen in sermon, music and song throughout the soul-stirring and heart-searching programs.

In view of the deep need of the world today and our great opportunity as laborers in God's Kingdom, that we, in Flat River Association dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of Christ in our association, State and throughout the uttermost parts of the world.

Mrs. Sterling Carrington
Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
Committee on Resolutions

The following changes in the constitution were discussed and adopted.

SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article 3—Organization.
Section 1.
The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected, etc.
Article 3—Organization.
Section 1.
The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year (deleting the words on Christian Education, Christian Citizenship, Cooperative program, Orphanage and Hospital, Religious Literature) and eight lay-members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: etc.
Article 4—Duties of Officers.
Section 1.
The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees *at least two weeks before the Annual meeting* and such other committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.
By-Laws.
1—Ministers and lay members of *other* Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
9—(By-law nine to be deleted in it's entirety.) Repititious with Article 6; Sect. 1.
Article 6—Miscellaneous.
Section 1.
This constitution may be amended on the second day of the annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

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The Moderator appointed the following committee to assist the Treasurer: F. R. Barlowe, C. F. Jones, and Harold O'Brien.
Remarks by Mr. Chaplik, Polish missionary in Baltimore, Md.
The association voted that the minutes of the association for 1949 be dedicated to Rev. W. D. Poe.

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The report on Obituraries was read by Mrs. Sam A. Howard.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS—1949

Those who have gone out from us since the last meeting are as follows:
AMIS CHAPEL—Mr. Ossie Young.
BRASSFIELD—Mr. J. E. Estes.
BULLOCK—Mr. F. H. Vaughan.
CORINTH—Mr. W. S. Latta, Mrs. Lester S. Currin.

ENON—Pastor W. D. Poe, Deacon S. J. Averette, Mr. M. B. Hobgood, Mr. Noah Gooch, Mrs. Louise King, Mrs. Lucy Averette, Mrs. Lucy Riggan.
FELLOWSHIP—Mrs. Eula Allen, Mrs. C. C. Merritt, Mr. Bernice Peed, Mr. W. T. Whitt, Mr. Roy Williams.
HESTER—Mrs. J. M. Robertson, Mrs. Broadie Currin, Sr.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. L. L. Wilson, Mr. Frank Wade, Mrs. Mint Knott.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mr. H. S. Hart, Mr. J. R. Jones, Mr. L. W. Parham, Mrs. R. L. Eakes, Mrs. Novetta Thompson.
MT. ZION—Mr. Ben Wilkerson.
OLIVE GROVE—Mr. Thomas Julian Perry, Mrs. Arebell Aiken, Miss Nan Wheeler.
OXFORD—Mrs. Eula Mae Harris, Mr. R. W. Winston, Mr. Rom T. Chandler, Mrs. B. H. O'Brian, Miss Maggie Humphries, Mr. R. A. Barker, Deacon Rux D. Currin.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. J. P. Howell, Mrs. Pattie C. Crews, Deacon E. S. Simms, Mr. James C. Wilson, Mr. R. B. White, Mr. C. B. Hunt, Jr., Mr. Wallace Hilliard.
PROVIDENE—Deacon S. H. Brinkley.
SHARON—Mr. Eddie Lee Williams.
STOVALL—Mr. Arthur Hart, Mr. Jim Hicks, Mr. Robert Gill.
TABB'S CREEK—Mr. J. G. Hobgood, Mr. John Beal.
TALLY HO—Miss Bessie Daniel, Mrs. Della Johnson, Mr. Willard Whitfield, Mrs. Ada Davis, Mr. W. L. Haskins.
WEST OXFORD—Mr. John Beasley, Mr. Hugh Hunter, Mr. Titus Cutts, Mrs. Claud L. Saunders.
FLORENCE AVE.—Mrs. W. D. Amis.
CONCORD—Mrs. Euphrasia Waller, Mr. S. T. Lyon, Mr. Elvin Vaughn.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mr. Amos Boyd.
POPLAR CREEK—Mr. Carl Parrott.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Alma Merritt.

God, our heavenly Father, in his love and mercy, has been pleased to call to His eternal home these faithful members and co-workers.

Among these called was Rev. W. D. Poe, former Moderator of this Association, and one of our most loyal and faithful pastors who served on this field for 23 years.

Great gains were realized under his effective ministry and splendid leadership. We humbly thank God for his Christ-like life, and for his influence which shall continue to live among us. We wish to express to his family, also to the families of the others who have passed on, our love and deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Life is a book in volumes three;
The Past, the Present, the Yet to be.
The Past is finished and laid away;
The Present we're living every day.
The third and last of the volumes three;
Is hid from sight, God holds the key.

Now may we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well while Mr. E. G. Usry leads us in a special prayer.

Mrs. Sam A. Howard
Committee

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Inspirational Message by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks.
Prayer by Rev. Ronald E. Rice.

M. L. Banister, Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letter and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Church Library
Amis Chapel	OC		2 — 4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	19	4	2	260	15	275	1	8		Yes
Brassfield	OC	1823	1 — 3	E. L. Kincaid, Durham	9		3	77	10	87	1			
Bullock	V	1904	1 — 3	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	10	12	3	124	52	176	1	19	Yes	
Concord	OC		2 — 4	Leo Bridges, Durham	2		7	80	50	130	1			
Corinth	OC	1832	2 — 4	Norman Hicks, Oxford	2	8	5	126	83	209	1	4		
Creedmoor	T	1895	2 — 4	E. L. Kincaid, Durham	14	6	7	226	63	289	2			
Dexter	OC	1906	2 — 4	Ray Hodge, Kenley	5	8	5	125	100	225	1	10		
Enon	OC	1875	1 — 3	Ronald Hicks, Oxford	16	2	18			375	1	32		
Fellowship	OC	1840	1 — 3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	6		14			218	2			
Florence Ave.	V	1891	1 — 3	R. E. Rice, Virgilina, Va.	4	1	2	65	70	135	1			
Grassy Creek	OC	1754	1 — 4	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	9	3	9			469	1			Yes
Hester	OC	1823	Every	Roger E. Williams, Jr., Oxford	12	10	2	423	97	520	1	12		
Island Creek	OC	1822	2 — 4	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	10	5	11	268	250	518	1	40	Yes	
Knott's Grove	OC	1901	1 — 3	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	6	2	5			133	1	3		
Mountain Creek	OC	1860	1 — 3	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	16	2	15	325	149	474	1	12		
Mt. Zion	V	1840	2 — 4	Ronald Hicks, Oxford	3	3	8	229	68	297	1	6		Yes
Olive Grove	OC		1 — 3		5	0	9	135	130	265	1			
Oxford	C	1848	Every	M. L. Banister, Oxford	62	46	64	905	411	1316	1	62		
Peace's Chapel	OC	1887	2 — 4	E. G. Usry, Oxford	19	7	18	258	106	364	1			
Pleasant Grove	OC	1858	1 — 3	E. L. Kincaid, Durham	6	3	5	167	33	200				
Poplar Creek	OC	1863	1 — 3				3			92	1	2		
Providence	V	1907	2 — 4	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	10	5	1	251	50	301	1	22		
Rock Spring	OC	1880	2 — 4	J. L. W. Moose, Durham	12		7	119	194	313	1	3		
Sharon	OC	1896	1 — 3	Norman Hicks, Oxford			4	197	30	227	1	3	Yes	
Stovall	V		2 — 3	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	11	12	16	593	118	711	1	48	Yes	
Tabb's Creek	OC	1906	1 — 3	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	7	5	5	115	90	205	1			
Tally Ho	OC		3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	3	1	13	151	84	235	1			
West Oxford	C	1912	1 — 3	E. G. Usry, Oxford	12	3	8	229	61	290		2		
				Totals	290	148	269	5388	2314	9049	29	286	4	3

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. James Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	40	5	9	9	22	85	25	
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1	1		1	2	5	13	19		10	36	78	54	11
Corinth	Mrs. Edward Dorsey, Oxford, Rt. 2	1		1	1	1	4	27		13	11	17	68	12	3
Creedmoor	Mrs. A. O. Curl, Creedmoor	1	1	1		1	4	40	18	18		16	92	42	2
Dexter	Mrs. B. W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	15		9	7	10	41	22	10
Enon	Mrs. J. T. Yancey, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	52	12	16	26	24	130	91	32
Florence Ave.	Mrs. F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1		1	4	13	13	7		10	43	90	
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Conway Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1		1		1	3	34		13		25	72	45	6
Hester	Mrs. T. T. Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	48	30	29	32	33	172		
Island Creek	Mrs. C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	44	19	22	14	5	104	52	14
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Sam Pittard, Oxford, Rt. 2	1					1	21					21		3
Mountain Creek	Mrs. S. R. Murray, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	1				1	2	42				36	78	60	6
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lillian F. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	51	23	15	23	22	134	104	6
Olive Grove	Mrs. Ruby Brinkley, Northside, Rt. 1	1					1	12					12	12	
Oxford	Mrs. Reuben T. Green, Oxford	1	1	3	2	1	8	145	31	61	19	45	301	301	62
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Ernest Sneed, Kittrell, Rt. 2	1		1		1	3	16		14		18	48	15	
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	1					1	14					14	12	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. Louis Greenway, Henderson, Rt. 3	1					1	18					18		2
Providence	Mrs. James Hobgood, Oxford, Rt. 1	1		1	1	1	4	45		14	15	40	114	67	16
Rock Spring	Mrs. Fred Williams, Townsville,	1					1	24					24	10	3
Sharon	Mrs. John R. Williams, Oxford, Rt. 4	1		1	1	1	4	34		13	11	18	76	30	2
Stovall	Mrs. L. G. Puckett, Stovall	2	1	1	2	1	7	48	20	20	21	35	144	55	32
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. Shields Parham, Oxford	1		1	1	1	4	25		10	9	9	53	38	
Tally Ho	Mrs. J. A. Newton, Stem	1					1	28					28	28	
West Oxford	Mrs. E. G. Usry, Oxford	1					1	18					18	15	3
	Totals	26	10	18	15	19	88	867	190	283	207	421	1968	1180	213

CHURCHES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year
Amis Chapel			$	$20,000.00	$	$	$
Brassfield				10,000.00			50.00
Bullock							
Concord				3,000.00			
Corinth				5,000.00		100.00	100.00
Creedmoor				3,000.00			
Dexter							
Enon			4,500.00	35,000.00			
Fellowship				10,000.00			
Florence Ave.			6,000.00	10,000.00		125.00	75.00
Grassy Creek			1,700.00	20,000.00			
Hester			15,000.00	40,000.00			
Island Creek			2,500.00	6,500.00		600.00	180.00
Knott's Grove			800.00	4,800.00			
Mountain Creek			2,500.00	12,500.00			
Mt. Zion			4,200.00	41,200.00		250.00	
Olive Grove				14,000.00			
Oxford*	65	10	12,000.00	152,000.00			
Peace's Chapel							
Pleasant Grove							
Poplar Creek							
Providence			1,650.00	24,925.00			
Rock Spring				30,800.00			
Sharon				3,200.00			
Stovall			2,500.00	42,500.00		1,080.00	186.00
Tabb's Creek				2,000.00			
Tally Ho				2,000.00			
West Oxford				15,000.00			100.00
Totals	65	10	$53,350.00	507,425.00		$2,155.00	$691.00

*W. T. Yancey, Oxford

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Number of Mission Sunday Schools	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Amis Chapel	G. T. Pittard, Nelson, Va.				13	11	15	27	49	62		2	179	110	70	68
Brassfield	Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1						22		10	23			55	38	46	39
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock			7	8	17	25	17	31	33			138	89	103	87
Concord	James L. Jolly, Creedmoor			2		5	5	3	10	10		5	40	20	23	17
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2				20		10	18	20	26			94	40	70	63
Creedmoor	J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor				25	22	30	25	32	33		3	170	140	98	90
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5			6	3	9	9	6	12	40			85	55	56	45
Enon	Dr. James F. Pruitt, Oxford		10		12	12	26	42	84	79	20	8	293	142	75	71
Fellowship			7		12	18	20	30	21	33			141	98	83	69
Florence Ave.	F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.				10	9	14	14	22	23		6	98	58	50	45
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.			12	15	15	27	43	40	63			215	151		86
Hester	F. R. Barlowe, Oxford				22	18	26	38	52	178		5	339	212	128	124
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson				26	25	37	48	102	77	12		327	123	97	83
Knott's Grove	Sidney F. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 2												45	29	53	49
Mountain Creek	R. L. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4			6	13	15	27	31	46	96		4	238	105	122	87
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1				12	18	17	35	44	70			196	108	155	135
Olive Grove	J. M. Emory, Northside, Rt. 1				16	10	10	15	52	16		2	121	69	58	54
Oxford	R. M. Ray, Jr., Oxford		1	48	46	60	83	97	159	142	40	3	638	390	143	137
Peace's Chapel	Clifton Walters, Oxford, Rt. 3		6	9	9	11	15	40	20	50			160	91	71	62
Pleasant Grove	R. Lee Smith, Creedmoor				10		10	20	25	27			92	60		
Poplar Creek	M. C. Boyd, Henderson, Rt. 3				4	4	6	8	5	10			37	23	35	33
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2				34	22	34	30	72	39			231		208	194
Rock Spring	Russell Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5				6	8	8	8		35		4	65	52	65	60
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4		30		5	7	13	19	13	57			144	60	92	86
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall				36	26	36	48	38	128		6	318	160	114	102
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5	1			15	6	9	11	14	28		10	93	56	63	56
Tally Ho	V. E. Duncan, Stem												70	25	40	35
West Oxford	J. H. Crumpler, Oxford			13	14	24	26	25	74	75	12	7	270	140	76	64
	Totals	1	54	103	386	372	560	698	1047	1453	84	65	4892	97.78	2194	75.59

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Number of Story Hours	Number of Junior Unions	Number of Intermediate Unions	Number of Young Peoples Unions	Number of Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Youth Week	Christian Home Week
Bullock	Jack Campbell, Bullock	2	1	1		1	5	11	20	7		27		65	37	Yes	Yes
Florence Ave.	Mrs. R. E. Rice, Virgilina, Va.	1	1			1	3	8	14			22	3	47	38		
Grassy Creek	Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	16	12	10	23	5	84	66		
Island Creek	Edward Woody, Henderson, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	9	20	32	20	32	10	123	48		
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Leslie Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	14	23	20	14	10		81	43		
Oxford	J. B. Haney, Oxford			1	1		2			32	12		4	48	15		
Peace's Chapel	George Gresham, Kittrell, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	8	15	14	5	5		47			
Providence	Mrs. Flora Mann, Oxford, Rt. 2			1	1		2			25	10			35	25		
Rock Spring	Mrs. Whitt Campbell	1	1	1		1	4	12	11	14		26		63			
Stovall	Mrs. Marrow Stovall, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	2	6	11	15	15	9	30	4	84	50		
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. Roy Belcher, Oxford, Rt. 3			1	1	1	3			12	15	5		32	25		
West Oxford	S. E. Beasley, Oxford, Rt. 3		1	1	1		3		12	18	18		5	53	17		
	Totals	9	9	11	9	10	48	91	146	201	113	180	31	762	36.75		

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Other Salaries	Maintenance Church Property	New Buildings	Literature, Song Books, etc.	Local Mission and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply
Amis Chapel	Roy Frazier, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	$ 540.00	$ 150.00	$ 145.00	$	$ 111.00	$ 175.00	$ 108.
Brassfield	Mrs. E. L. Veasey, Franklinton, Rt. 1	620.00	50.00	35.00				55.
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	900.00	331.56	654.59		408.24	405.47	175.
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	300.00		57.77		34.34	22.90	85.
Corinth	Milton Blackley, Oxford, Rt. 2	400.00	96.00			67.75		115.
Creedmoor	Mrs. Katie L. Fleming, Creedmoor	1,500.00	360.00	68.61	120.00	123.74	27.30	153.
Dexter	I. T. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5	360.00	52.00	10.00		109.88	31.28	115.
Enon	S. T. Knott, Oxford	1,800.00	240.00	350.00		234.52	297.70	175.
Fellowship		600.00	100.00	185.39	116.33	255.05		175.
Florence Ave.	R. E. Chandler, Virgilina, Va.	600.00	52.00	30.00	1,350.00	210.00		150.
Grassy Creek	C. C. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.	972.00	279.00	148.00		427.50	104.45	140.
Hester	Joe R. Pruitt, Oxford	2,047.90	300.00	740.94	4,125.00	252.58	215.12	209.
Island Creek	G. B. Shotwell, Henderson, Rt. 5	1,000.00	200.00	216.25	23,715.75	537.71	111.08	244.
Knott's Grove	Fielding Knott, Oxford, Rt. 2	400.00	49.00	893.18		87.14	123.32	137.
Mountain Creek	D. A. Parham, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,187.00	187.00	4,301.65		149.86	93.00	255.
Mt. Zion	Archie Wilkins, Rougemont, Rt. 1	940.00	10.00	484.00	25,000.00	71.00	100.00	178.
Olive Grove	P. S. Horton, Northside	856.94	120.00	158.51		182.11	41.07	138.
Oxford	M. S. Currin, Oxford	4,300.00	3,360.00	1,648.00		1,128.00		534.
Peace's Chapel	James Bennett, Kittrell, Rt. 2	450.00	48.00	410.47		213.72	61.00	287.
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	600.00		85.00	4,200.00	40.60		152.
Poplar Creek	J. M. Capps, Henderson, Rt. 4	500.00		28.00		45.85		58.
Providence	C. H. Piper, Oxford, Rt. 2	941.00	170.00	381.67	20,775.13	275.13		191.
Rock Spring	G. T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5	1,080.00		469.50	800.00			160.
Sharon	W. R. Sherman, Oxford, Rt. 1	600.00	36.00			60.47		87.
Stovall	H. L. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1,800.00	400.00	700.00	3,668.44	400.00	558.12	280.
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5	540.00	38.00	5.75		84.78	15.00	100.
Tally Ho	F. C. Wilkins, Stem	400.00	60.00	5.00		161.96		86.
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	725.00	109.86	182.60	2,789.05	143.19	103.50	100.
	Totals	$26,959.84	$6,798.42	$12,394.88	$86,659.70	$5,816.12	$2,485.31	$4,646.

HURCHES ESSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total for All Purposes (Add Line 67 and Line 77)
Va., Rt. 2	$ 129.00	$ 96.00		$ 3.00	$ 5.00		$ 287.00	$ 40.00	$	$ 560.00	$ 1,823.00
noor, Rt. 1	197.86	50.00					122.87	27.69	8.40	406.82	1,216.82
	420.45	104.00	147.40	71.00	296.30	150.00	587.21	50.00	36.00	1,862.36	5,336.51
e	6.33		10.00				35.00	17.15		68.48	585.64
ell, Rt. 2	93.06	111.00	46.55	20.50	25.31		26.00	67.65	87.00	477.07	1,155.82
reedmoor	218.13	35.00	17.40	4.45	39.40	251.17	22.08			587.63	3,180.53
, Henderson Rt. 3	82.48	94.00	16.03	176.39	20.42					389.32	1,086.35
. 1	1,273.05	211.00	203.49	212.86	338.21	125.15	536.15	80.00	71.00	3,050.91	7,198.63
moor	172.05			87.57	274.42		181.28	45.31		760.63	2,342.78
Va.	113.10	56.50	30.00	31.05	38.00		135.00	30.00	24.00	457.65	2,959.65
Va.	800.00	177.00	65.38	17.35	1,040.00	6.20	302.94	28.45		2,437.32	4,571.22
rd Rt. 1	2,206.74	280.00	200.00	275.00	380.00	690.00	599.07	131.00	211.63	4,973.44	13,676.48
rson, Rt. 3	600.00	180.00	84.75	88.56	123.64	300.00	281.29	82.05	53.00	1,793.29	28,076.76
. 2	415.65	106.25	4.10	15.07	31.25		103.80	50.06	39.57	765.75	2,497.91
t. 4	1,855.75	227.00	116.14	17.95	20.00	32.39	451.37	115.46	70.49	2,906.55	9,405.31
Oxford, Rt. 1	232.29		9.20	18.40	15.25	9.25	222.51	58.50	58.88	624.28	27,554.94
oor	128.03	53.00	96.00	65.00	11.86		53.50	44.35	26.60	478.34	2,014.06
ord	6,363.78	542.00	236.83	560.73	710.61	2,711.00	840.00	1,236.00	559.05	13,760.00	25,630.00
Rt. 2	66.54	140.00					131.37	30.50		368.41	1,964.62
Creedmoor	50.00	75.00	15.00	22.50	17.00		62.00	24.50		266.00	5,353.20
nderson, Rt. 4	74.00		9.65	9.85	23.50		25.00	20.00	25.94	187.94	852.86
Rt. 2	411.82	144.00	37.67	33.91	105.92	30.80	108.00	7.01	15.50	894.63	23,774.23
sville	180.07	125.97					140.00	9.53		455.57	4,665.07
na, Va., Rt. 2	384.88		92.43				214.00	20.20	289.69	1,001.20	1,888.36
, Rt. 4	1,118.35	186.00	124.15	99.01	127.20	200.00	230.00	50.00	74.00	2,208.71	10,728.96
Rt. 3	74.75	73.00	42.36	11.04	26.86		90.00	29.00		347.01	1,165.30
Rt. 1	21.00		11.24	3.25	3.25		21.00	29.07		88.81	812.95
rd, Rt. 3	105.00	88.00	46.18	13.00	27.92		160.00	88.50	28.80	557.40	4,710.60
	$19,784.16	$3,154.72	$1,661.95	$1,857.44	$3,701.32	$4,505.96	$5,958.44	$2,411.98	$1,679.55	$42,725.52	$196,208.00

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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual meeting of the Association and shall be received into fellowship of the Association upon a majority vote of the messengers present.

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least

once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member from each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

Banister, M. L.
Blanchard, John R.
Caudle, W. S.
Creamer, Boyce H.
Gardner, Robert
Greene, E. W.
Hicks, Norman
Hicks, Ronald D.
Hodge, Ray K.
Hoover, E. U.
Moose, J. L. W.
Norris, C. H.
Pittard, W. B., Jr.
Turner, Warren
Upchurch, C. A.
Usry, E. G.
Williams, Roger E., Jr.
Woody, John

MESSENGERS—1950 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—G. W. Yancey, James Elliott, Mrs. W. E. Cannady.
BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, Garland Catlette.
BULLOCK—Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Jack Morgan, W. L. Walker.
CONCORD—James L. Jolly, Mrs. Harvey Goss, Miss Annie Goss, Mrs. James L. Jolly.
CORINTH—Wallace Brummitt, Mrs. Thomas Crews, Walter Gordon, Mrs. Raymond Currin, Mrs. Lynwood Currin, Mrs. Frank Averette.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Carl Mangum, Mrs. Aubrey Wheeler.
DEXTER—

ENON—R. T. Critcher, Mrs. Lillian Critcher, Mrs. Crudup Hobgood, Mrs. Irvin Yancey.

FELLOWSHIP—Alvis Whitaker.

FLORENCE AVE.—Mrs. R. E. Chandler, Mrs. F. E. Winfree, Miss Bettie Royster, R. E. Amis, Walter Averette, Woodrow Ellixson.

FRANKLINTON—P. P. Purnell, J. O. Purnell, O. G. Day, Mrs. J. O. Mitchell.

GRASSY CREEK—J. A. Timberlake, Mrs. J. A. Timberlake, C. R. Yancey, Mrs. C. D. Winston, Jack Yancey.

HESTER—F. R. Barlowe, Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, Mrs. Floyd Howard, Mrs. Emmett Adcock, Mrs. Sollie Adcock, Mrs. Jimmie Adcock, N. F. Hobgood.

ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. C. S. Tippett, Sr., Mrs. L. J. Shanks, Mrs. S. E. Wilson, G. W. Norwood, L. J. Shanks.

KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. W. W. Crews, Mrs. William Dean, Mrs. K. H. Hughes, Mrs. Fielding Knott.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—R. L. Eakes, Mrs. David Blackwell, Mrs. John Woods.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Luther Franklin, Mrs. Graham Daniel.

OLIVE GROVE—

OXFORD—Mrs. Reuben Greene, Mrs. M. L. Banister, Roy Beard.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—Lee Gresham, Ed Sims, L. B. Newton.

PLEASANT GROVE—Ollie Milton, Mrs. Elbert Averette, Mrs. W. H. Fuller, Mrs. Ollie Milton, Mrs. Albert Lawrence.

POPULAR CREEK—Mrs. E. L. Raynor, Mrs. I. W. Nutt, Mrs. E. C. Brewer, Mrs. I. D. Hart.

PROVIDENCE—C. H. Piper, Mrs. James Hobgood, Mrs. W. R. Mann, Miss Ruby Jackson, Miss Lila Piper.

ROCK SPRING—Mrs. H. H. Greene.

SHARON—H. T. Sherman, Spurgeon Denny, James Gillis, James Laws.

STOVALL—George Frazier, L. I. Currin, Howard Wilson, Mrs. H. T. Gill, Dewey Satterwhite, H. T. Gill, Mrs. L. I. Currin.

TABBS CREEK—N. G. Blackwell, Oscar Oakes, Mrs. Oscar Oakes, Mrs. Roy Belcher, Mrs. N. G. Blackwell.

TALLY HO—

WEST OXFORD—D. F. Lanier, Mrs. D. F. Lanier, D. G. Thomerson, Mrs. W. H. Long, Mrs. J. B. Yeargin.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held With

ENON AND STOVALL CHURCHES

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Enon Church, October 10, 10:00 A. M.

Rev. M. L. Banister, Moderator, called the Association to order.

Devotional was lead by Rev. John R. Blanchard.

Hymn—"Lead On Oh King Eternal".

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MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Fred Phipps, Association Superintendent.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

As we look back over the year 1949, we pause in grateful praise to our Father for the blessings of the year, thanking Him for faithful workers and for each increase made.

We began our year with a leadership conference. This gave us plans and inspirations for the years work. Though we did many good things for the Lord during the year, we did not fulfill all our dreams. We still have many unenlisted women and young people who need to be drawn into the great missionary task.

The Annual Meeting was held at Amis Chapel Church, with twenty-four Churches represented. We were fortunate in having Mrs. D. F. Stamps and Miss Laura Frances Snow as our guests. They were challenging in their messages, and many agreed that it was the best program we had ever had.

We welcome three new officers:

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Associate Superintendent
Mrs. George Winston, Literature Chairman
Mrs. T. O. Mullins, Stewardship Chairman

In twenty-seven Churches in the Association, we have a total of 161 W.M.U.

Organizations, with a membership of 2128. Tithers 312; Mission Study Classes 158. Every member of each of the following Societies read a Mission Study book; Olive Grove, Hester, Bullock, Dexter and Stovall.

We have 1009 members engaged in Community Missions. There are 958 subscriptions to W. M. U. Missionary periodicals and the Biblical Recorder.

We are justly proud of our two A-1 Unions, Hester and Oxford, First. Total gifts for all objects—$11,988.08.

The closeness of life in today's world forces upon us a consciousness of the ideas and actions of the peoples of the many nations. No longer can we live oblivious to the beliefs, habits and living conditions of our neighbors, whether they live next door, in another community, or across the ocean. As Christians, we believe that Christ is the way of life, both in this world and in the world to come, and that He has given to His followers the responsibility of bringing into His presence the peoples of the world.

A great missions professor once said; "Missions is the greatest work of man, the greatest need of the world, the greatest aid to civilization, the greatest hope of the future, the greatest desire of God. Make missions a Major." This is the aim of the Woman's Missionary Union of Flat River, as we let "His light shine upon them that sit in darkness."

Mrs. Fred A. Phipps
Superintendent

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The report on State Missions was read by Rev. J. L. W. Moose, in absence of the author.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Almost every Baptist church in North Carolina has received aid, in one way or another, through the State Missions program of our State Convention. This program is in vital touch with almost every phase of Baptist life in the State. The great objective of State Missions is to take North Carolina for Christ.

To reach this objective the State Missions program promotes nineteen different activities. Here is a picture of these activities:

S Sunday School Work
T Training Union Work
A Summer Assemblies
T Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio, etc.)
E Evangelism (City and Association-wide revivals)

M New and Needy Churches
I Work among the Indians
S Schools for Ministers
S Work among Silent People
I Inter-racial activities
O Other Activities—Including Allied Church League, Rural Work.
N Neglected Areas (Lots for New Churches)
S Student Work among 15,000 Baptist Students

How is this great program supported? State Missions receives 13¢ out of the total gifts through the Cooperative Program. In addition to that some money is received through the Sunday School Board to promote the departments of Sunday School, Training Union, and Student Work. Then the Woman's Missionary Union makes a special offering in September. Then October is State Missions Month. During that month, and particularly on the last two Sundays the people are asked to make a special offering through the Sunday Schools and churches for all these activities.

George Wilson

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The report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. John R. Williams.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We are sure that our people will rejoice to know that the report of the Home Mission Board magnifies the fruits of evangelism. The year of evangelism reported by Southern Baptist showing 334,862 baptisms brings joy to all Southern Baptist. The Department of Evangelism has occasion for special rejoicing both in fruits already reported and in evangelistic crusades being consumated in the greatest effort for evangelism made by any religious body.

During the year reports showed that 165 new churhes were established and 577 new missions opened. Most of the new Missions will grow into churches, fifty new buildings were either completed or were under construction. Fifty-four pieces of home mission property were improved. Appropriations for building projects during the year amounted to $751,896.85.

A total of 779 regular missionaries served the Home Mission Board during the year and 251 summer student workers gave two weeks of Mission service, making a grand total of 1,030 workers, Missionaries delivered 81,039 sermons and addresses, taught 22,987 classes, conducted 1,817 revivals, distributed 57,419 Bibles and Gospels and made 258,818 religious visits. They worked in 1,541 Vacation Bible schools. There were 44 kindergartens in operation. Millions of pages of tracts and free literature have been distributed.

Mrs. John Roy Williams

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The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. Norman Hicks, in absence of the author.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

According to the report gathered by the Foreign Mission Board, the Southern Baptist now have 753 missionaries in active service. Of this number, 67 were appointed in 1949 and fifty more during the first four months of 1950. These are now serving in 24 countries and thirty geographical areas.

New areas have opened in Coracas, Venezuela, Ecuador, Korea and Formosa. Meanwhile new schools and missions have been established in the Philippines,

Thailand, Switzerland and in all ports of Latin America. These missionaries have built the first Baptist Church in Formosa and a new hospital in Paraguay. By the purchase of two planes, more work is done and much time saved in the Brazil area.

With the report from China not complete there is an estimate of approximately 15,000 baptisms for 1949. As we go forward in our mission endeavor the goal of 1750 missionaries, with an annual budget of $10,000,000 is still far away. Even now there is a request for 241 missionaries. Who will go? Or who will you send? The Scriptures are being printed in 1,068 languages, but we must deliver the word and give instructions. Also much medical care is needed.

Exclusive of $120,354.15 for world relief, the Foreign Mission Board's total receipts for 1949 were $5,319,261.04. This represents an increase of $465,313.77 over last year. However, the world relief funds showed a 50 per cent decrease.

Nat Brummitt

After singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" these reports were discussed as a whole by Dr. M. A. Huggins, and adopted.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The Moderator recognized the following new Pastors, Rev. Warren Turner, Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr., Rev. John R. Blanchard, and Rev. E. U. Hoover. Also Mr. C. W. Bazemore, Rev. G. Van Stephens and Mrs. Stephens, and Rev. John T. Biddle, former Asso. Missionary. The Executive Committee recommended the reception of Franklinton Church into the Association. This was voted on and unanimously carried. The Pastor and Messengers were then officially welcomed by the Moderator.

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The report of Committee on Committees was read by Mr. Elbert Wilson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Christian Education ---------- W. B. Jones
Christian Citizenship ---------- F. H. Hicks
Cooperative Program ---------- Herman W. Currin
Baptist Hospital ---------- Mrs. Reuben Greene
Orphanage ---------- Mrs. Calvin Critcher
Religious Literature ---------- Mrs. Elbert Averette
State Missions ---------- Mrs. Sterling Carrington
Home Missions ---------- Badger Hicks
Foreign Missions ---------- Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Jr.
Relief and Annuity ---------- Jasper W. Dean
Committee on Time, Place and Preacher ------ Mrs. C. D. Winston, Ollie Milton, G. W. Watkins.

Committee on Nominations.....Rev. Ronald E. Rice, Rev. Norman Hicks
Committee on Resolutions.....Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Sr., Mrs. F. G. Adcock

Elbert Wilson, Committee

On motion of Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., seconded by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks, the Association voted to sponsor a thirty minute Radio Program each Sunday morning at 8:30 A. M. and a free will offering was taken to help with the expense of same.

The Annual Sermon preached by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn. "Take Time To Be Holy"

Devotional was lead by Rev. John Moody.

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ORGANIZATION

On motion Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. was elected Moderator, Sam L. Knott, Vice-Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk, and D. F. Lanier, Treasurer.

The Clerk casting the ballot of the Association for the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Treasurer and Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. casting the ballot for the Clerk.

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The report of the Asso. Missionary, Rev. Ronald E. Rice was read by him and after discussion was adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

September 1—October 9, 1950

This Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association finds your Associational Missionary closing just a little more than five weeks of service. Part of this time has been used simply in moving or getting acquainted with the people and the work.

We have been privileged, however, to hold some services in the churches making progress toward the accomplishment of the task before us.

We give herewith a brief report of our efforts thus far:

Churches Visited—12
Sermons Preached—6
Prayer Meetings—1
Film Slides—1
W.M.U. Study Courses—1
Radio Programs—7
Other Addresses—3
T.U. Mass Meetings—1
Rural Church Development program—1
Sunday School Divisional Meeting—1
Total Meetings attended or conducted—34

As to the future, we are making plans toward the promotion of the entire associational program, and our outreach to a needy world through our State and Southwide channels for Kingdom service.

Ronald E. Rice
Associational Missionary

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The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Chairman, Rev. W. S. Caudle, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has tried to faithfully serve the Association since its last session. It has met quarterly. As we look back over the year, we note several important events. The Simultaneous Rural Church survey proved most helpful to many of the churches in the Association. The influence of the visiting ministers who came to help us will be felt for many years to come.

In keeping with our constitution, the Franklinton Baptist Church made application for membership into our Association more than six months ago and has been under watchcare and observation. Under the faithful leadership of her Pastor, W. B. Pittard, the Franklinton church has proven her faithfulness in attendance of all meetings and has contributed to our work efforts, enthusiasm and money. The Executive Committee recommends most heartedly that they be received into full fellowship of the Association.

Our associational missionary, Rev. John T. Biddle, resigned to take the work of associational missionary in the Columbus Association. He began his work there July 1. We commend him to the brethren of Columbus and pray that their ministry shall be fruitful. After prayerful study of our Associational program, the Executive Committee voted to continue with our associational program. A committee was appointed with Rev. Roger E. Williams as chairman, to seek God's man to serve as our Associational Missionary. This committee was led to one of our own Pastors, Rev. Ronald E. Rice, who was called unanimously by the committee. Brother Rice accepted and has entered into the work with much foresight and enthusiasm. We feel that his coming has strengthened our work and shall prove to be a faithful ministry.

The question has been asked, "Does the associational program pay?" "Should we have an associational missionary?" Perhaps the best way to answer these questions is through a comparative digest of our work the first year that we had such a program with that of last year (1949).

	1947	1949
No. Training Unions	6	12
Training Union enrollment	384	762
Vacation Bible Schools	7	27
Vacation Bible School enrollment	795	2194
Full-time churches	1	3
Resident Pastors	5	9
Baptisms	247	290
W. M. U. Enrollment	1913	1968
W. M. U. Study Class Enrollment	962	1180
Local gifts	$82,142.27	$153,482.54
Mission and Benevolence gifts	$33,363.79	$ 42,725.52

W. S. Caudle

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The report of the Treasurer and Auditor was read by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 10, 1949	$ 529.26
Received from Churches on regular budget	3,316.73
Received from Churches on Radio	39.00
Received from Churches on Rural Survey	781.93
Received from State Baptist Convention	1,000.00
Received from Miscellaneous	313.93
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	$5,980.85
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Items in the general budget	$4,080.02
Rural Survey (Expense and Honorarium)	781.93
Radio—Baptist Hour	78.88
Miscellaneous	255.67
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$5,196.50
BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30	$ 784.35

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OUTSTANDING CHECKS	100.62
PAID ON MISSIONARY SALARY AND RENT FOR OCTOBER	300.00
	400.62
BALANCE OCTOBER 6, 1950	$ 383.73

Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Treasurer

The proposed Budget for the Asso. Program 1950-1951 was presented by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. and adopted.

A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRAM 1950-51

Missionary's Salary	$1,800.00
House Rent	600.00
Office Rent	120.00
Office Phone	75.00
Travel Expense	400.00
Bulletins and Mailing	100.00
Relief and Annuity	120.00
Convention Expense	125.00
Associational Clerk	60.00
Associational Treasurer	60.00
Printing Minutes and Mailing	150.00
Training Union	50.00
W. M. U.	50.00
Sunday School	50.00
Incidentals	100.00
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE SECURED BY THE ASSOCIATION	$3,860.00
Convention Supplement for Missionary's salary	1,200.00
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	$5,060.00

Glenn Daniel
Roger E. Williams, Jr.

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The report on Religious Literature was read by Rev. John R. Blanchard in absence of the author, discussed by Mr. C. W. Bazemore of the Biblical Recorder Staff, then adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We live in an age far-separated from the time when printing was so scarce that there was only one Bible in a community and that Bible was chained to the pulpit of the village Church. Few homes are without at least one copy of the Holy Scriptures. In the Providence of God, the distribution of the Bible has been one of the greatest miracles in History. The Bible is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway.

There is an abundance of literature which does more harm than good, but there is also an abundance of good literature which has a refining influence on the minds and hearts of those who read it. There are our Baptist Publication of our Mission Boards which inform us about our Mission efforts. The COMMISSION is the organ of our Foreign Mission Board. Then there is the Home Mission Magazine. The Various Sunday School and Training Union publications, besides other valuable helps printed by our Boards.

There is CHARITY AND CHILDREN published weekly by our Baptist Orphanages. It presents a wide field of reading.

There is the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the North Carolina Baptist paper printed every week. The present circulation is around 42,000. The size of the paper has been enlarged recently to a 24 page paper. Rev. C. W. Bazemore has been added to the staff—his responsibility is circulation of the paper. There are 300 churches receiving the Recorder on the every family plan—with the paper in the Church Budget. There are 800 churches with Recorder Clubs.

We would urge every pastor in Flat River Association and in N. C. to promote in each local Church a Crusade for the advancement of reading the Bible and Religious literature.

Mrs. H. R. Sanderford

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The report on Cooperation Program was read by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks in absence of the author. After discussion was adopted.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Last year Southern Baptists recorded an increase in stewardship and giving. Their total gifts through the churches were 14.6% higher than the preceding year. Gifts to missionary and benevolent causes increased 2.3%, or about one sixth as much as the increase in total gifts. We rejoice in the growth in support of the local church program, and the erection of needed new buildings. We would call attention, however, to a trend to increase those things at the expense of growth in missionary and benevolent work. Faithful Christian stewardship would indicate the need to carefully watch this trend, and to do something to correct it.

The Cooperative Program is our Baptist plan for supporting all the work of the Kingdom as undertaken by Baptists. Through it "every member gives to everything." The humblest member in the smallest church in the remotest section of the country has an important part in the greatest work in the world —when he gives *through* the Cooperative Program.

Pastors say "TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION doubled our budget." This has proved true in a mission of fifty members as well as in a church of two thousand members. It has deepened the spiritual life of our church." "It has been a great aid to soul-winning in our church." Our own State Convention is actively promoting TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION in our state, urging that every church try it, and get the blessings from it. One may secure full information about TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION by writing to our State Secretary. We heartily commend TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION and urge its use.

We recommend that:

1. Every pastor lead his church to observe TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION this fall, and that all our churches cooperate in its use.
2. Our people be urged to give more support to all our missionary and benevolent work through the Cooperative Program.
3. We seek to raise the level of giving and deepen the spiritual life of all our people through emphasis upon Christian stewardship and tithing.

Thomas Hobgood

Announcement by Rev. W. S. Caudle regarding the organization of a church at Tungsten Mines.

Hymn. "Have Thine Own Way"

Meditation by Miss Lila Piper.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. G. Van Stephens.

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SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION

This session was opened at Stovall Church with singing "Higher Ground"

Devotional was lead by Rev. Norman Hicks.

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The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

"Sunday Schools in Baptist churches today live and move and have their being in the churches. They are in the churches, of the churches, and for the churches." In terms of numbers enrolled, frequency of meetings, and church finances, the Sunday Schools of our denomination hold a strategic position. It is very fitting that on this program the "report on the Sunday School" should come first under the general heading *Christian Education,* for the bulk of Bible study for the average Baptist consists of instruction received at Sunday School.

When we consider, therefore, how important the Sunday School is, we become very alarmed to note that the Flat River Association has for a number of years ranked near the bottom of the list of more than seventy associations in North Carolina as regards Sunday School enrollment when compared with Church membership. In our own churches there are more than 5,000 members who are not enrolled in Sunday School; and we have no figures to accurately state the number of prospects not members of any church. Surely a great harvest awaits us; but, like any other harvest, it will not reap itself—we must go out and bring them in.

One of the most encouraging evidences that we may expect strong gains in Sunday School work in this area is the number of churches recently building more adequate class-room facilities. This has already been reflected in the net gain in enrollment of 672 for the present year. For these churches, lack of physical equipment need no longer stand in the way of Sunday School expansion, and we hope the day will not be far distant when every church will provide sufficiently for each age group.

"Take Your Family To Sunday School" is the theme for 1950-51, and in the light of present world conditions, we would urge every church to recognize its great value. Surely no other emphasis could be more important in our time, than that which we place upon the *Home* and the *Church.*

Roger E. Williams, Jr.

The report on Training Union work was read by Mrs. W. S. Caudle.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Training Union work in this Association has made some progress in the last year. In the last three years the Training Union work has been very encouraging. In 1947 there were five Training Unions and no Story Hour units. Last year we reported 11 Training with 8 Story Hour units. This year we are able to report 15 Training Unions with 11 Story Hour units.

While this report is very gratifying, it is not as good as we would like it to be. A church without a fully graded Union, is a crippled church. Here we train our church members for future leaders. Any pastor who has a wide-awake Training Union can always count on the members for places of leadership in other phases of church work. Therefore, it is vitally important that every church have a Training Union, and that it be supported by the pastor and deacons. Such a Training Union will live and thrive and bear much fruit. It is my earnest desire to see a Training Union in every one of the 29 churches in the Flat River Association in the near future.

Mrs. W. Shelly Caudle,
Training Union Director

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The report on Christian Education was read by Mr. Sam L. Knott.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptist in North Carolina have supported colleges since 1834, when Wake Forest College was first opened. We now have seven colleges with a total of 5,000 students. By actual count more than 4,000 of these students are members of Baptist Churches. The kind of leadership these students give in the future will be determined by what we do now for them. It is our opportunity and responsibility to contribute in every way possible to the support of each school.

Designated funds given in 1949 by this association for Christian education was $4,505.96. Our present membership is 9,049. This is less than 50¢ per member.

Recently General McArthur called upon the churches of America to send 300 missionaries and 10,000 copies of the Bible to Japan. What will we as Baptist do to supply this need? Our homes, churches, and Christian schools must provide men and women who can, by their leadership, vision and faith keep Christianity alive.

We as individual church members must feel the need to give moral and financial support.

Christian training cannot be over emphasized if we are to combat the evils of communism and other subversive activities, that would destroy our American way of life.

Sam L. Knott

The Moderator recognized a new pastor, Rev. Robert Gardner, also Dr. W. C. Reid of the Orphanage, Rev. Lloyd W. Teague, Rev. J. U. Teague, and Rev. W. C. Francis.

At this time a special offering was taken to support the Asso. Radio Program.

The above named reports were discussed as a whole by Dr. Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill College and Dr. Marc H. Lovelace of Wake Forest College, then adopted.

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The report on Orphanage was read by Mrs. Horace Hicks, discussed by Dr. W. C. Reid and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Last year was another glorious and wonderful year for our Orphanage. We gave $32,000.00 more than we spent, gave more than had ever been given in one year to carry on our work. On March 21 this year, the Co-Executors of the Robert M. Idol Estate turned over to the Orphanage $586,000.00 to be used in building a church at Mills Home, an Infirmary and a vocational building at the Orphanage. Plans are being made for these buildings to be started on this fall.

We cared for 781 children last year. The children's health was excellent and they did well in school; fourteen graduating from Mills Home and five from Kennedy Home. The pastor, John Walton, baptized 70 of our girls and boys.

Changes in Personnel are: General Superintendent, W. C. Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Smith will take over the work at Kennedy Home. He will be Superintendent and his wife will assist him. Mr. Riman Muth will be Treasurer.

Mr. J. Morse Grant was again elected editor of Charity and Children and has as his goal 50,000 copies of this valuable paper going out weekly into homes of our people.

With sixty-five years of history behind us, with a new Superintendent and a group of new workers coming to us, with faithful and experienced workers remaining with us, with scores and scores of homeless children calling to us, with thousands of generous hearts standing back of us, and with unfaltering faith in God, we face the future unafraid, feeling that unless war comes, our biggest and brightest days are ahead of us. Let us continue to pray for our Orphanage and give regularly and generously to it and thus help carry on the great work being done at both of our homes.

Mrs. Horace H. Hicks

The report on Baptist Hospital was read by Mrs. Reuben Greene, discussed by Dr. W. K. Magee and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient on May 28, 1923. The present site of eleven acres is located in the Ardmore section of Winston Salem.

The hospital admits approximately 10,000 persons per year as bed patients and rendered a total of 90,259 days of patient care in 1949.

Receipts from the Mother's day offerings in 1949 totaled $128,939.23. A goal of $150,000 was set for 1950. Approximately half of the 9,702 bed patients admitted to the hospital in 1949 and all those seen in the outpatient clinics paid no doctors fee and were assisted by the Mother's day offering. Free service—amounting to $312,536.08, which was dispensed to patients in the hospital and the outpatient clinic, was made possible by individual contributions, welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment and, mainly through the Mother's Day offering.

The clinics which *form* the diagnostic center, *draw* patients from throughout the state, visits to the outpatient department numbered more than 46,000 in 1949, and the area of the hospital's service was thus extended to thousands of patients who could not be accommodated in the hospital.

Free hospitalization for regularly-ordained ministers and missionaries who devote their full time to the ministry is provided through the outpatient department. Such persons pay 50 per cent of the cost of private accommodations if they elect to enter as private patients. A flat 50 per cent discount is given on all work done for actual dependents of pastors and missionaries.

The convention in a called meeting in Charlotte on April 27, 1950 passed a resolution to raise $700,000. to build a new wing to the hospital. Mr. Huggins reports that we are making good progress.

Mrs. R. T. Greene

At this time the gavel was turned over to Mr. Thomas W. Allen, Vice-Moderator, who presided through the remainder of the morning session.

Hymn. "At The Cross"

Inspirational message by Rev. Robert Gardner, pastor of Brassfield Church. Dismissal prayer by Rev. W. S. Caudle.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymns "Must I Bear The Cross Alone", "Revive Us Again", and "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Francis.

The report on Christian Citizenship was read by Mr. Glenn Daniel, and following an address by Mayor Hugh Currin of Oxford, was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

The *Church* has a very definite place in developing Christian Citizens. Through the Training Union, W. M. U. and Sunday Schools our people are taught the qualities of christian character. We cannot overemphasize the importance of the various organizations of our church.

To be a Christian Citizen we are to abstain from alcoholic beverage in any of its forms. We know the facts on the alcohol problem are far from pleasant. What should we do in regard to this situation?

1. Urge enactment of laws which prescribe instruction in public schools on the effects of alcohol.
2. Urge candidates for public office to commit themselves on issues involving beverage alcohol.
3. Give your support to merchants who do not sell alcoholic beverages.
4. Through your own personal example of total *abstainance,* show that the non-alcoholic way of life is best. Demonstrate that it is not only smarter not to drink, it is the Christian's moral obligation to abstain.

Glenn Daniel

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The report on Ministerial Relief and Annunity was read by Mr. D. F. Lanier, and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The Relief and Annuity Board is to the Baptist Denomination a duty, a privilege, and a pleasure, which we recognize and highly esteem.

To make provision for the comforts of those who through sacrifice, and self denial, have lived and labored for our spiritual benefit. It is altogether appropriate and fitting that we provide for their material benefits when the infirmity of old age forbids their continuation in active service.

It is a duty because we are indebted to them for our moral, and spiritual benefits. The civilization enjoyed by us today is largely due to their noble influence, and efforts, toward our good and well being.

It also affords us a precious privilege which will mean the sharing with them of their final reward, (Matthew 10:41).

The Relief and Annuity Board operates a business. It is the Lords business, every letter that is written, every investment of funds that is made, every decision that is reached, every policy that is adopted, must be in harmony with the finest principles and ideals of sound business. Yet always in the spirit and for the sake of our Blessed Redeemer. We quote now from the 1950 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention,

> "The Record of the year just passed, would indicate that once again the favor of Almighty God rested upon the Board and its activities, as it sought through 1949, to transact the Lords business, indeed 1949 was the best year since the inauguration of the Board.

Active members at the end of 1949, was 18,812—an increase of 993 over the end of 1948.

Our denomination is supporting this Board today better than at any time in its history."

Let us do all in our power to provide comfort for our aged ministers. Our fathers served without any promise of old age security, whatsoever.

D. F. Lanier

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The report on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Mr. Ollie Milton, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October.
Place—Pleasant Grove 1st Day.
Amis Chapel 2nd Day.
Preacher—Rev. M. L. Banister.
Alternate—Rev. Ronald E. Rice.

Mrs. C. D. Winston
Ollie Milton
G. W. Watkins
Committee

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The report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Sr., and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

That we extend to Enon and Stovall Churches, our sincere appreciation for their warm welcome and bountiful hospitality. Our commendation to Rev. M. L. Banister, our Moderator, and the pastors of the hostess churches, Mr. Hicks of Enon and Mr. Caudle of Stovall.

We are indeed grateful for the inspiring messages brought to us by pastors and laymen in sermon and music throughout the soul-stirring and heart-searching program.

In view of the great need of the world today and our opportunity as laborers in God's Kingdom, that we in Flat River Association dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of Christ in our association, our State and to the uttermost parts of the world.

Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Sr.
Mrs. F. G. Adcock
Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Norman Hicks, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Auditor ---------- Melvin S. Currin
Asso. S. S. Supt. ---------- Harold O'Brien
Asso. T. U. Director ---------- Mrs. W. S. Caudle
Asso. W. M. U. President ---------- Mrs. Fred Phipps
Two Members at Large to serve on Executive Committee for a period of four years ---------- Dr. James F. Pruitt, Horace H. Hicks

Norman Hicks
Ronald E. Rice
Committee

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The report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. James Cozart.

OBITUARY REPORT

As we come to the close of our associational year, it seems fitting that we pause to honor our members who have passed on. Many of us have received much inspiration from the lives of these beloved people:

AMIS CHAPEL—Mr. Johnnie J. Humphries, Mr. Walter Jones.

BRASSFIELD—Mr. Ballard Bragg.

BULLOCK—Mrs. Tom Matthews, Miss Bernice Overby.

CONCORD—Mrs. Ida Nutt Vaughn, Mrs. Sarah B. Cash, Miss Ora Parrott.

CORINTH—Mr. Joseph L. Williams, Mr. J. C. Pittard, Mr. Jesse Currin, Mrs. Lessie M. Boyd.

CREEDMOOR—Mr. Luther Redman, Miss Maggie Wheelers.

DEXTER—Mr. Elvin Critcher.

ENON—Mr. Macon Hobgood, Mrs. Nannie Belle Eakes, Mrs. Mattie Currin.

FELLOWSHIP—Deacon L. T. O'Briant, Sr.

GRASSY CREEK—Mr. W. E. Yancey, Mrs. Frank Yancey, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. Young Sizemore.

HESTER—Mrs. Tom R. Currin, Mr. Taylor Currin, Mrs. E. G. Hobgood, Mr. J. R. Culbreth, Mrs. Etta Currin.

ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. Cora Daniel, Mrs. John Williamson, Mr. Norwood Dunn, Mrs. P. T. Harris, Mr. Charlie Ivey.

KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. W. C. Pittard.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mr. J. R. Daniel, Mr. Alfred Frazier, Mr. Alex Parham, Mrs. Lelia Murray, Mrs. R. T. Eakes, Mr. J. H. Garrett, Deacon D. W. Frazier.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Robert Sherman, Mr. Stedman Daniel.

OLIVE GROVE—Mrs. W. B. Connelly, Mrs. W. M. Brinkley, Mr. Charlie Forsythe.

OXFORD—Mr. Erastus Hobgood, Mr. E. G. Moss, Mr. L. T. Pitchford, Mrs. A. F. Morris, Mr. Gattis Frazier, Mr. Frank E. Llewellyn.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Elsie Dean Roth.

PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. J. W. Mangum.

POPLAR CREEK—Mr. Carl Parrott.

PROVIDENCE—Mr. Hubert Roberts, Mr. J. D. Wheeler, Mr. D. C. Overton, Mr. J. A. Satterwhite.

ROCK SPRING—Miss Mabel Riggan, Mrs. Bertha Moody, Mr. Lewis Guerrant.

SHARON—Mr. Horace Huff, Mrs. Roxie Evans.

STOVALL—Mrs. D. D. Wilson, Mrs. Tom Stovall, Mr. Luther R. Hart.

TABB'S CREEK—Mr. Frank P. Sherman.

TALLY HO—Deacon O. G. Clayton, Miss Hattie Longmire.

WEST OXFORD—Mrs. C. L. Saunders, Mr. Richard Oakley, Mr. L. L. Gresham, Mrs. Laura Hicks.

We as fellow Christians extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and ask God's blessings upon them.

Prayer by Mr. Henry Sparks.

Mrs. James Cozart, Committee

Hymn. "He Leadeth Me"

Evangelistic Message by Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr.

Closing prayer by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

The Association adjourned.

Rev. M. L. Banister, *Moderator*
Sam A. Howard, *Clerk*

Resolution on behalf of the Rev. W. Isaac Terrell.

RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE REVEREND W. ISAAC TERRELL

At a called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Flat River Baptist Association on July 16, 1950 the following resolutions were offered on behalf of the reverend W. Isaac Terrell, who is assuming the pastorate of the Mount Olive, N. C. Baptist Church on the first of September.

Be it Resolved:

First; That we express our profound gratitude to God and to brother Terrell for the service he has rendered as pastor of the Knott's Grove, Providence, Mountain Creek, and Grassy Creek Baptist Churches during his five years of ministry. He has been a wise leader, a loyal pastor, and a studious minister of the Word of God. His ministry has not been confined to his churches, but has expressed itself in the social, civic, and moral welfare of the entire Association. At the same time that we express our gratitude for his untiring services, we also express our sincere regret over the loss of his fellowship in our Association.

Second: That we commend the Mount Olive Baptist Church for thir Spirit-led selection of such a consecrated pastor and wise counsellor to lead them to higher realms of Christian living and Kingdom service; and that we join them in our prayers that his ministry will be most fruitful and that their fellowship together will be most pleasant.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist Church of Mount Olive, to brother Terrell, to the Clerk of the Flat River Association, and to the Oxford Public Ledger.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Banister, Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. James Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1		1	1	4	43	13		10	36	102		8
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1	1		1	2	5	13	18		12	26	69	35	11
Concord	Mrs. Leon Coley, Creedmoor	1					1	12					12		
Corinth	Mrs. W. E. Dorsey, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	29	20	11	9	20	89	22	6
Creedmoor	Mrs. A. O. Curl, Creedmoor	2	1	1		1	5	40	20	12		14	86	50	5
Dexter	Mrs. Badger W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	15		11	5	10	41	20	8
Enon	Mrs. L. H. Knott, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	52	11	19	17	24	123	119	35
Florence Ave.	Mrs. F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.	1	1			1	3	17	10			12	39	60	
Franklinton	Mrs. Ruby Conella, Franklinton	1	1	1	1	1	5	80	16	24	18	30	168	150	12
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Conway Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1		1			2	19		13			32	28	8
Hester	Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, Oxford	2	1	1	2	1	7	73	7	25	23	44	172	165	11
Island Creek	Mrs. C. C. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	45	17	25	15	20	122	93	24
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Sam Pittard, Oxford, Rt. 2	1					1	20					20	20	2
Mountain Creek	Mrs. S. R. Murray, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	1		1	1	1	4	48		17	13	35	113	110	19
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Graham Daniel, Rougemont, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	53	14	15	26	25	133	75	10
Olive Grove	Mrs. Ruby Brinkley, Northside	1						17					17	17	
Oxford	Mrs. Reuben Green, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	228	14	47	25	30	344		28
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Bernard Floyd, Oxford, Rt. 3	1		1		1	3	18		15		19	52	10	2
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	1					1	14					14	11	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. Louis Greenway, Henderson, Rt. 3	1					1	18					18	10	3
Providence	Mrs. James Hobgood, Oxford, Rt. 1	1		1	1	1	4	41		11	12	47	111	76	18
Rock Spring	Mrs. T. D. Reese, Henderson, Rt. 5	1					1	16					16		
Sharon	Mrs. J. R. Williams, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	36	10	13	11	16	86	70	4
Stovall	Mrs. L. G. Puckett, Stovall	2	1	2	2	1	8	49	25	28	25	34	161	72	35
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. S. S. Parham, Oxford	1		1	1	1	4	27		11	12	10	60	46	1
Tally Ho	Mrs. J. A. Newton, Stem	1					1	33					33	17	3
West Oxford	Mrs. W. H. Long, Oxford	1					1	18					18		
	Totals	30	13	17	17	19	95	1074	195	297	233	452	2251	1276	253

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Amis Chapel	John Bradshaw, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2			18	18	15	26	59	65		2		203	140	79	72
Brassfield	Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1			9			13	12	25				59	35		
Bullock	Edwin Woodard, Stovall		6	10	17	27	14	29	37				140	88	79	
Concord	James L. Jolly, Creedmoor		2	2	4	6		20	10		4		48	30	24	21
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2			10	21	17	14	18	50				130	70	51	49
Creedmoor	J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor			25	22	30	25	52	39		4		197	145	109	97
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5		2	4	3	16	4	15	44				88	56	75	62
Enon	C. F. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1	12		15	14	27	35	96	79		2		280	179	75	71
Fellowship	W. S. Hobgood, Creedmoor	7		12	18	20	31	21	29				138	97	98	93
Florence Ave.	F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.			12	12	20		24	20		6		94	55	60	55
Franklinton	C. Ray Pruette, Franklinton		30	30	32	31	77	42	135		4		381	175	129	111
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.		12	15	15	27	36	36	63				204	143	75	67
Hester	F. R. Barlowe, Oxford	20		16	24	30	33	54	210				387	202	136	120
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson			33	24	35	46	59	109	15			321	155	119	101
Knott's Grove	Mrs. K. H. Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 2												58	33		
Mountain Creek	S. R. Murray, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2		8	16	22	42	40	30	98		4		260	125	90	75
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1			15	25	24	24	23	105				216	124	137	127
Olive Grove	J. M. Emory, Northside			23	13	8	18	55	15		2		134	76	73	68
Oxford	R. M. Ray, Jr., Oxford		31	56	60	86	112	93	208	40	3		689	396	150	
Peace's Chapel	L. B. Newton, Oxford, Rt. 2		6	12	20	13	40	24	50				165	102	60	56
Pleasant Grove	R. Lee Smith, Creedmoor			15		10	28	25	37				115	70	38	37
Poplar Creek	H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4			7			10	12	8		3		40	30	35	30
Providence	G. O. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2		20	32	30	38	30	25	43		4		222	172	174	149
Rock Spring	Geo. T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5			5	9	10	9		35		4		72	50	60	
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4	27		6	8	13	20	14	58				146		93	86
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall			28	34	40	40	46	134		6		328	176	128	116
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5			7	11	12	14	15	24		10		93	54	76	69
Tally Ho	Edward Lee Clayton, Stem				14		16		40				70	35	36	30
West Oxford	J. H. Crumpler, Oxford		8	9	25	29	26	86	86	12	5		286	134	72	58
	Totals	66	125	442	495	626	781	985	1856	67	63		5564	112+	2331	774

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	No. Years Present Pastor Has Served Church	Does Pastor Live On Church Field?
Amis Chapel	R	1855	2-4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	11	5	4	266	15	281	1	8		8	No
Brassfield	R	1823	1-3	Robert Gardner, 604 Cleveland St., Durham	1	2	1	77	11	88	1			0	No
Bullock	V		1-3	W. S. Caudle, Stovall	15	9	7	141	52	193	1	17	Yes	3	Yes
Concord	R	1782	2-4	B. H. Creamer, 1414 Yearby Ave., Durham	9	2	10	88	43	131	1			1	No
Corinth	R	1832	2-4	Norman Hicks, Oxford	8	1	7	106	86	192	1	7		1	Yes
Creedmoor	T	1895	Every	John R. Blanchard, Creedmoor	2	6	3	231	63	294	1	5		1	Yes
Dexter	R	1906	2-4	Ray Hodge, Youngsville	9	1	8	112	106	218	2	10		1	No
Enon	R	1875	1-3 a.m. 2-4 p.m.	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	11	12	17			390	1	35		1	Yes
Fellowship	R	1840	1-3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	15	1	6			228	1			2	No
Florence Ave.	V	1891	1-3	E. U. Hoover, Virgilina, Va.	6	12	5	63	85	148	1			0	Yes
Franklinton	T	1853	Every	W. B. Pittard, Jr., Franklinton	23	40	8	322	102	424	1	10		2	Yes
Grassy Creek	R	1754	2-4	Dennis Larkins, Oxford	9	1	13	226	242	468	2	8			Yes
Hester	R	1823	Every	Roger E. Williams, Jr., Oxford	21	26	19	502	37	539	1	37		1	Yes
Island Creek	R	1822	2-4	W. S. Caudle, Stovall	12	6	32	267	240	507	1	50		3½	Yes
Knott's Grove	R	1901	1-3	Clyde Melton, Oxford	7	2	8	85	48	133	1	2			Yes
Mountain Creek	R	1860	1-3	Dennis Larkins, Oxford	26	3	10	349	144	493	1	20			Yes
Mt. Zion	V	1840	2-4 a.m. 1-3 p.m.	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	22	12	12	253	64	317	1	20		1	Yes
Olive Grove	R		1-3 a.m. 2-4 p.m.	B. H. Creamer, 1414 Yearby Ave., Durham	19	3	11			276	1			1	No
Oxford	C	1848	Every	M. L. Banister, Oxford	42	31	6	924	374	1298	0	62		14	Yes
Peace's Chapel	R	1887	2-4	E. G. Usry, Oxford	9	13	13	258	106	364	1	2		36	Yes
Pleasant Grove	R	1858	2-4	Warren Turner, Wake Forest	4	2	7	156	40	196	1			0	No
Poplar Creek	R		2-4	Ray Hodge, Youngsville	3	6	2	91	10	101	1			1	No
Providence	V	1907	2-4	Clyde Melton, Oxford	22	13	11	292	50	342	2	18			Yes
Rock Spring	R	1886		J. L. W. Moose, 1730 Murray St., Durham	4		10	113	194	307	1	3		5	No
Sharon	R	1896	1-3	Norman Hicks, Oxford	7	3	8	199	30	229	1	5		1	Yes
Stovall	V	1886	2-3 a.m. 1-4 p.m.	W. S. Caudle, Stovall	15	5	22	591	118	709	1	45		3	Yes
Tabb's Creek	R	1906	1-3	C. A. Upchurch, 313 E. Lane St., Raleigh	4	1	3	106	100	206	1	1		12	No
Tally Ho	R		3-5	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	4	1	14			143	1			8	No
West Oxford	C	1910	Every	E. G. Usry, Oxford	29	11	12	257	61	318	1	2		40	Yes
				Totals	369	230	289	6075	2421	9533	31	367			

CHURCHES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year
Amis Chapel			$	$27,000.00	$	$
Brassfield						
Bullock				25,000.00	400.00	107.00
Concord				3,000.00		
Corinth				5,000.00	100.00	
Creedmoor						
Dexter						
Enon			4,500.00	40,000.00		
Fellowship						
Florence Ave.			6,000.00	10,000.00	150.00	75.00
Franklinton			5,000.00	45,000.00		
Grassy Creek			1,650.00	20,000.00		
Hester			17,000.00	50,000.00	1,750.00	280.00
Island Creek			2,500.00	150,000.00	600.00	180.00
Knott's Grove						
Mountain Creek			5,000.00	15,000.00		
Mt. Zion			4,200.00	75,000.00	200.00	140.00
Olive Grove				17,500.00		
Oxford*	55	8	12,000.00	152,000.00		
Peace's Chapel				10,000.00		
Pleasant Grove				10,000.00		75.00
Poplar Creek						
Providence						
Rock Spring						
Sharon				3,200.00		
Stovall			2,500.00	42,500.00		
Tabb's Creek				35,000.00		
Tally Ho						
West Oxford				15,000.00		150.00
Totals			$60,350.00	750,200.00	$ 3,200.00	$ 1,007.00

*A. J. Park, Oxford, Presider

TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	1		1	1	1		1	5	4		6	18	7		22		57	37
Creedmoor	Allen Cross, Creedmoor		1		2	1		1	5		5		30	16		14	5	70	52
Florence Ave.	Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.		1	1	1	1		1	5		4	5	12	8		16	6	51	30
Franklinton	W. A. Simmons, Franklinton		1		1	1	1		4		23		20	25	30		4	102	70
Grassy Creek	Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va.		1		1	1	1	1	5		10		7	10	6	12	5	50	45
Hester	Mrs. W. Frank Currin, Oxford		1	1	1	1	1	1	6		10	9	18	18	10	13	4	82	63
Island Creek	J. S. Tilley, Henderson			1	1	1	1	1	5			11	12	22	22	34		101	
Mountain Creek	Mrs. C. L. Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		1		1	1			3		12		22	18			2	54	32
Oxford	Thornton H. Yancey, Oxford				1	1			2				26	30			4	56	
Peace's Chapel	George Graham, Kittrell, Rt. 2	1			1	1		1	4	2			7	12		11		32	18
Providence	Mrs. Flora O. Mann, Oxford, Rt. 2					1	1		2					18	10			28	19
Stovall	T. G. Stovall, Stovall		1	1	1	1	1	2	7		5	8	21	16	8	27	5	90	56
West Oxford	Marshall Wilson, Oxford, Rt. 3				1	1	1		3				12	15	7			34	20
	Totals	2	7	5	13	13	7	9	56	6	69	39	205	215	93	149	35	807	40+

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions
Amis Chapel	S. A. Harris, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 1	$ 205.00	$ 48.00	$ 36.00		
Brassfield	Mrs. Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	253.81				
Bullock	F. E. Davis, Bullock	400.00	107.00	103.18	106.00	187
Concord	C. C. Currin, Northside	10.00	2.92			
Corinth	Mrs. Jesse Preddy, Oxford, Rt. 2	108.78	111.00	37.80	23.07	52
Creedmoor	Mrs. Joseph Hester, Creedmoor	225.44		7.25	14.00	34
Dexter	Miss Edna M. Roberson, Henderson, Rt. 3	64.77		27.70	26.55	19
Enon	Tyree Woody, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,332.56	201.00	210.00	225.00	324
Fellowship	Miss Alice Beck, Creedmoor	183.46	7.50	30.01	96.90	
Florence Ave.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	125.00	75.00	20.00	15.00	35
Franklinton	J. W. Wheelous, Franklinton, Box 194	540.28	152.00	25.78	35.25	64
Grassy Creek	C. D. Winston, Nelson, Va.	800.00	177.00	15.00	20.80	465
Hester	Raymond A. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,750.00	293.00	200.00	302.50	355
Island Creek	G. W. Norwood, Henderson, Rt. 3	600.00	180.00	84.75	87.20	150
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	459.15	86.00	3.40	16.00	3
Mountain Creek	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,875.42	280.00	58.81	16.93	6.
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lillian F. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	110.30	140.73	173.37	21.50	2
Olive Grove	W. D. Emory, Creedmoor		100.00	43.07	50.49	2
Oxford	Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Oxford	6,745.30	25.00	422.10	571.30	59
Peace's Chapel	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, Rt. 2	80.00	140.00	81.00		
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	56.00	75.00	33.63	6.15	1
Poplar Creek	Mrs. E. L. Raynor, Henderson	63.25	84.00	5.00	5.00	2
Providence	F. S. Jenkins, Oxford, Rt. 1	668.29	144.00	20.54	28.28	7
Rock Spring	Miss Jean H. Green, Manson	272.75	122.24	40.75	16.70	1
Sharon	R. S. Greenway, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	239.60		88.66	22.15	3
Stovall	Marrow Stovall, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,080.00	100.00	128.31	41.00	5
Tabb's Creek	D. C. Critcher, Oxford, Rt. 3	58.05	50.00	36.35	13.00	4
Tally Ho	Reuben Clayton, Stem	69.65	3.00	11.85	5.00	1
West Oxford	Mrs. S. E. Beasley, Oxford, Rt. 3	155.58	156.00			
	Totals	$18,532.94	$ 2,950.39	$ 1,944.31	$ 1,765.77	$ 2,7

DRESSES	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Mission and Benevolences	Revival Expenses ard Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total Local Expense
Rt. 2	$ 150.00	$ 108.00	$ 3,293.00	$ 110.00	$ 269.00	$ 156.00	$	$ 384.00	$ 4,470.00	$ 600.00	$ 5,070.00
t. 1	50.00	2,400.00		16.00		50.00			2,516.00	600.00	3,116.00
	140.00	918.59	2,645.81	319.31	568.98	270.00	12.50	663.91	5,539.10	900.00	6,439.10
		43.93		23.77	30.00	70.06		10.00	177.76	600.00	777.76
2	96.00	24.00	45.95	142.10		70.00		50.00	428.05	600.00	1,028.05
eedmoor	120.00	43.11	49,000.00	258.12		140.00		860.28	50,421.51	1,811.00	52,232.51
5	16.50	9.00		96.60	52.00	135.36		37.22	346.68	454.61	801.29
	281.00	2,844.10	5,221.00	393.14	98.50	215.00		144.00	9,196.74	1,800.00	10,996.74
		892.59		128.55	16.29	75.00		33.90	1,146.33	800.00	1,946.33
Va.	60.00	625.00		200.00		125.00		75.00	1,085.00	600.00	1,685.00
	394.25	703.48	97.00	479.29	666.00	148.15	1,146.39	1,098.19	4,932.75	3,300.00	8,032.75
Va.	204.00	138.00	519.00	150.00		168.45		100.00	1,279.45	972.00	2,251.45
	490.00	851.15	12,053.98	363.47		275.00		1,023.95	15,057.55	3,475.00	18,532.55
son	288.50	216.25	25,075.35	620.89	250.00	229.52		153.66	26,834.17	1,000.00	27,834.17
2	94.00	21.10		154.74		220.00			489.84	400.00	889.84
4	399.00	283.35		257.76	224.29	208.63	755.21	412.75	2,540.89	1,146.00	3,686.89
mont	64.00	56.93	9,404.91	107.98	44.67	197.00	2,200.00	400.47	12,475.96	1,800.00	14,275.96
	92.50	766.10		74.54	48.00	242.14		63.13	1,286.41	978.41	2,264.82
	5,310.00	1,389.32		1,200.00	600.00	100.00		2,083.00	10,682.32	4,300.00	14,982.32
2	78.00	109.00	135.87	161.52		212.79		63.73	760.92	562.50	1,323.42
edmoor	150.00	140.00		144.64	32.26	105.00			571.90	600.00	1,171.90
Rt. 3		1,735.70		77.34	39.79	60.00		31.70	1,944.53	500.00	2,444.53
	265.00	219.98	14,803.42	354.42	31.60	220.05		324.88	16,219.35	972.00	17,191.35
Va., Rt. 1	63.00	17.80		99.93	88.65	130.00	330.17	327.57	1,057.12	1,170.00	2,227.12
Rt. 1	124.00			72.59		144.72		235.22	576.53	600.00	1,176.53
	380.25	635.71	1,507.55	509.44	246.71	279.40			3,559.06	1,800.00	5,359.06
5	22.50	5.18	35,000.00	62.00	17.50	90.00		51.88	35,249.06	632.00	35,881.06
1	60.00	4.50	1,057.81	60.00		62.66		240.00	1,487.97	400.00	1,884.97
	146.20	133.27	23.79	134.12	44.80	205.00		583.23	1,280.41	900.00	2,180.41
	$ 9,538.70	$15,335.04	159,884.44	$ 6,772.26	$ 3,369.04	$ 4,604.93	$ 4,444.27	$ 9,451.67	$213,400.35	$ 34,273.52	$ 47,673.87

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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual meeting of the Association and shall be received into fellowship of the Association upon a majority vote of the messengers present.

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least

once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member from each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak, but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

M. L. Banister
W. C. Barham, Jr.
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Oren Bradley
E. W. Greene
J. C. Gill, Jr.
Norman Hicks
Ronald D. Hicks
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Dennis M. Larkins
Clyde F. Melton
C. H. Norris
W. B. Pittard, Jr.
Warren Turner
C. A. Upchurch
Roger E. Williams, Jr.

MESSENGERS—1951 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—Tom Pittard, George Yancey, Roy Frazier, Mrs. George Yancey, James Elliott, Mrs. James Elliott.

BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, Mrs. E. L. Veasy, Mrs. Allen Hockaday.

BULLOCK—Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Will Walker, Miss Lucy Norwood, Mrs. Harry Royster, Marvin Davis, Mrs. T. A. Royster.

CONCORD—W. L. Lyon, C. C. Currin, Mrs. D. M. Bennett, Mrs. Harvey Goss, Leon Coley, G. T. Wheeler.

CORINTH—T. B. Brummitt, J. W. Brummitt, Mrs. Raymond Currin, Ed Dorsey, Jr., Mrs. Frank Averette, Mrs. Clifton Land.

CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Sam Lyon, Mrs. Tom Goss, Hubert Sanderford, Mrs. A. O. Curl, Mrs. Ray Braxton, Bob Rogers, Mrs. Aubrey Wheeler, Mrs. Alvin Cross, Mrs. Umstead Currin, Mrs. R. L. Freeman.

DEXTER—Mrs. Graham Owen, Sr., A. B. Greene, B. W. Hicks, Mrs. S. W. Greene, S. W. Greene, Miss Ruth Dickerson.

ENON—Rev. Ronald E. Rice, Mrs. Tyree Woody, R. T. Critcher.

FELLOWSHIP—Alvis Whitaker, J. H. Perry, Miss Lila Hobgood, H. M. Aiken, George Etheridge, Mrs. W. T. O'Briant.

FLORENCE AVE.—George P. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Pleasants, Sr., R. E. Chandler, Jr., Mrs. George P. Smith, Mrs. George Newton, Mrs. Walter Smith.

FRANKLINTON—

GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. Jack Sizemore, J. A. Timberlake, Earlie Yancey, Jack Sizemore, C. R. Yancey, R. C. Pittard.

HESTER—C. N. Hobgood, Mrs. C. N. Hobgood, F. R. Barlowe, Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, C. S. Puckett, Mrs. C. S. Puckett, Raymond Adcock, Mrs. Raymond Adcock, Maynard Howard, Mrs. Maynard Howard, Mrs. James Dean, Mrs. P. J. Wynne, Mrs. J. R. Adcock, Mrs. Sam A. Howard.

ISLAND CREEK—H. B. Shotwell, Mrs. C. S. O'Brien, C. H. Guerrant, Mrs. Estelle Woody, Mrs. Jenny Briggs, J. G. Tilley, Mrs. Mack Woody, Mrs. Henry Longmire, S. E. Wilson, G. W. Norwood.

KNOTT'S GROVE—Miss Violet Overton, Mrs. W. H. Dean, Mrs. Fielding Knott, Fielding Knott, Mrs. Kelly Hughes, Mrs. Walter Crews.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—C. T. Blackwell, Mrs. John S. Watkins, L. H. Chandler, Fontaine Jones, Mrs. Fred Blackwell, Mrs. E. J. Hart.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Luther Franklin, Albert Slaughter, Watson Currin.

OLIVE GROVE—P. S. Horton, R. C. Perry, Joseph Chappell, E. T. Roberts, Grover Keith, Roger Forsythe.

OXFORD—Roy H. Beard, W. A. Mitchiner, W. T. Yancey, Mrs. J. M. Blalock, Mrs. T. O. Mullins, Mrs. J. Baird Stovall.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—L. B. Newton, George Gresham, Clifton Walters, Raymond Dickerson, Edward Woody, Mrs. Clifton Walters, Ed Simms, Woodrow Thomasson.

PLEASANT GROVE—Ollie Milton, L. E. Adcock, Mrs. Elbert Averette, Gathan Sadler, C. H. Averette, Miss Carrie Averette.

POPLAR CREEK—R. M. Boyd, Mrs. R. M. Boyd, Mrs. E. C. Brewer, Mrs. P. T. Jones, Mrs. I. W. Nutt, B. M. Crews.

PROVIDENCE—Glenn Daniel, Mrs. D. Y. Averette, Sr., W. H. Bowling, Mrs. R. N. Watkins, Miss Lila Piper, Mrs. Harry Watkins.

ROCK SPRING—

SHARON—Jesse Denny, G. A. Denny, Clyde Powell, Coy Daniel, Clarence Denny, Spurgeon Denny.

STOVALL—L. I. Currin, Mrs. L. I. Currin, George Frazier, Mrs. Calvin Frazier, Miss Fannie Owen, Mrs. Grace Shotwell, Mrs. Daisy O'Brien, Mrs. H. B. Williams, Graham Breedlove.

TABB'S CREEK—H. W. Currin, N. G. Blackwell, W. M. Brummitt, James W. Currin, Mrs. S. S. Parham, Mrs. D. C. Critcher.

TALLY HO—F. C. Wilkins, Mrs. J. A. Newton, Waldo Minor, Mrs. C. F. Hobgood, H. J. Clayton, James Wilkins.

WEST OXFORD—Rev. E. G. Usry, J. H. Crumpler, Mrs. D. F. Lanier, Marvin Saunders, Theodore Moss, Mrs. George Webster.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Grove Church October 16, 10:00 A. M.

Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Moderator, called the Association to order.

Devotional was led by Rev. J. C. Gill, Jr.

It was moved and carried that delegates present along with those designated on the Church Letters constitute the Association for business purposes.

Rev. James M. Hayes, Superintendent of the N. C. Baptist Home for Aging, was recognized and spoke briefly. On motion the Association voted that this report be incorporated in the minutes.

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REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR AGING

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention in its November, 1950, session authorized the committee on the Home for the Aging to make plans for the opening and operation of our Home for the Aging as soon as the committee might find a way to meet the cost of equipping and operating. Because of the drive to raise money for the construction of the new wing to the Baptist Hospital, the Convention instructed the committee for the Home not to expect direct help from the Baptist State Convention during the year 1951.

On January 9, the committee on the Home elected Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, superintendent of the Home, and Miss Edna Heinzerling, director of Nurses of the Baptist Hospital, to serve as supervisor of our Home. The committee decided to open the Home for residents when sufficient funds became available to begin.

There are many evidences of the Lord's favor upon the Home thus far. In the first place, He led in making a home immediately available. Ten years ago the trustees of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College

leased a three-story brick-constructed, fireproof building, with an elevator, for a period of 25 years for $1.00 a year. The committee on the Home was able to secure this building for 15 years at the same rental price. The building accommodates 20 residents at present. The top floor, if completed, would give space for 16 additional residents. The completion of this floor would cost approximately $23,000. With more than 100 applications for admission already received, and inquiries coming almost daily, one can easily see the pressing need of more space.

The Home has been greatly helped by the gifts received—furniture, office equipment, heating system, blankets, linens, towels, and many other items, as well as discounts on supplies necessary to be purchased. Although the Home has been operating only since March 16, yet it now has assets approximating $50,000, and is not operating in the red.

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Mr. Carl Ragland spoke briefly on the Wake Forest Foundation.

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The report of Committee on Committees was read by Rev. M. L. Banister.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

NOMINATIONS_____T. W. Allen, Mrs. J. T. Cozart, Jr., J. A. Timberlake
TIME PLACE AND PREACHER__Roy H. Beard, Mrs. Otho Curl, D. F. Lanier
RESOLUTIONS_____Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Mrs. Elbert Wilson, H. W. Currin
OBITUARY____Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Mrs. Fielding Knott

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MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Asso. Supt.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

This has been a very short year for Woman's Missionary Union, including only nine months from January 1st, 1951, to October 1st, 1951. We are making and will continue to make necessary adjustments to conform to this new year, but we feel sure that the change is going to prove both profitable and satisfactory.

The Leadership Conference in January was well attended. Interest in this important feature of our year's work is growing.

The Annual Meeting was held with the Providence Church, having a total registration of 239 representing 25 churches. Highlights of this meeting were inspirational messages by Mrs. Charles B. Howard, Divisional Supt., Miss Regina Sliger, Missionary to the Indians and Mrs. John Wacaster, State Worker.

The following new officers have come into office this year:

The present Superintendent
Mrs. Elbert Wilson, Associate Supt.
Mrs. Clyde Melton, Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. Morgan Daniel, Literature Chairman
Mrs. Dennis Larkins, Stewardship Chairman
Mrs. Glenn Daniel, Young People's Leader
Mrs. Norman Hicks, R. A. Counselor

There have been increases in membership, number of tithers and gifts. Eighty-three percent of our women and seventy-four percent of our Young People are giving through the Cooperative program. We are very proud of this record. A-1 organizations include: Hester, Sharon, W. M. S.; Enon, Hester, Providence, Sunbeams; Hester, Providence, Sharon, Girls' Auxiliary; Enon, Hester, Royal Ambassadors; Hester, Sharon, Stovall, Young Woman's Auxiliary. Hester has our one and only Full Graded A-1 Union, and we are very proud of and congratulate them on this excellent record.

Real Service for the Master cannot be tabulated from written records. There is no way to accurately measure the stewardship, soul winning and influence for good of the women and young people in W. M. U. organizations in Flat River. However, we still have a challenging opportunity for Enlistment, the giving of the Tithe and Christian Education of our Young People.

As we think of the tremendous need for the Christian witness in our world today, and compare with the task our feeble strength, we are overwhelmed by doubts and fears. Never can we go on in our own unaided strength. The Master, who commanded "Go", also promised "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Supt.

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The report on State Missions was read by Mrs. Sterling Carrington.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The overall objective of State Missions is to make of N. C. a great Christian State. For more than a hundred years State Missions, through pastors and other workers, has helped to evangelize N. C. and to plant Baptist Churches over the State. The result is that today about half of the Church members in N. C. are Baptist.

It is with prayerful interest that we consider at this season of the year something of what these nearly 700,000 N. C. Baptist are doing through their program of State Missions to win to Christ the more than 1,700,000 people in our State above the age of accountability, who are lost.

Our State Mission program consists of some eighteen activities for the support of which at least $350,000 is needed annually. Since State Missions receives only 13% of the cooperative program dollar, the Womans Missionary Union and our Sunday Schools and Churches must supply some $175,000 in special offerings, if the challenging task of taking N. C. for Christ is to be met with any degree of success.

We dare not fail in our service or our gifts in this day—the day that's my opportunity and your opportunity to witness for Christ in our Judea.

Mrs. Sterling Carrington

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The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. Norman Hicks in absence of the author.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Southern Baptist in one hundred six years have employed 48,134 home missionaries for one year or one missionary for 48,134 years. Home missionaries have organized 10,012 churches and reported 1,011,134 professions of faith. There has been one profession for every $34.97 expended by the Board.

In recent years the Convention has added 988,642 square miles of territory to the home mission field and 22,000,000 people.

In the western states, the four western provinces of Cuba, the Canal Zone, Panama, and Alaska there are 75,000,000 people with 25,000,000 of them unchurched.

In 1950 the Schools of Missions Department promoted 136 simultaneous schools in which 3,309 churches participated and 959,193 gross attendance was registered, making a grand total of attendance of Schools of Missions in the past four years 4,768,710.

In 1950 there were 754 missionaries plus 271 student workers for the summer making a total of 1,025. The missionaries reported 32,600 conversions. They made 231,393 religious visits, distributed 87,241 Bibles and portions and 1,130,261 pages of tracts, taught 18,512 classes, conducted 3,958 revivals, opened 598 new missions, and constituted 293 new churches.

In addition to the above accomplishments there were 259 chaplains who reported 6,120 professions of faith, and the evangelistic staff reported 5,989 baptisms in crusades which they personally conducted and a total of 9,922 additions to the churches in those crusades. The radio programs were responsible for many conversions. The number cannot be tabulated.

Badger Hicks

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The report on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Jr.

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These reports were adopted as a whole then followed an address by Rev. J. B. Hipps on Communism and Christianity in China.

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The report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Constitution of the Flat River Baptist Association states that "The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year, and eight lay members. . . . . The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each Quarter. . . . . It shall be the duty of the Committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association."

Let us, first of all, then, consider a summary of the Quarterly Meetings of the Executive Committee.

At the first meeting, October 30, 1950, the Rev. W. S. Caudle tendered his resignation, having served two years as chairman. New officers were elected as follows: Chairman—Roger E. Williams, Jr.; Vice-Chairman—Claude Allen; Clerk —F. R. Barlowe. Also, at this meeting a Committee on Committees was appointed to divide the responsibilities of the Executive Committee among the various Sub-Committees, as suggested in the Constitution. Plans were made for the School of Missions, now scheduled for November 18-23.

At the January 29 meeting, a letter applying for admission to the Association was received from the First Baptist Church of Tungsten. This application was approved by the Committee, and it is therefore our recommendation that the First Baptist Church of Tungsten be officially received by vote of the Association in this Regular Session of 1951.

At the April 30 meeting, with 18 members of the Executive Committee present, the following action was adopted: "In view of the increased cost of living, and the fact that the Missionary's salary has not been raised since the program began,"—(nearly four years ago)—"we recommend that the churches of the Association, on a voluntary basis, be asked to increase their gifts to the Associational Missions Program for the five months period of May through September; and that the Field Worker's salary be increased by an amount not to exceed $25.00 per month for the balance of the Associational Year."

At the August 20th Meeting, various reports were heard and adopted. Brother Banister reported satisfactory progress on securing personnel for the forth-coming School of Missions. The report of the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting was read and adopted. The Budget Committee's Report was read and approved for presentation to the ANNUAL MEETING. Also a committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of the Association owning a house for the Field Worker's Residence and Office. This Committee was to report at the Annual meeting.

This is only a brief summary of the work undertaken by your executive committee during the year. To be a member of this committee is a great responsibility and we appreciate the faithfulness of those who have given their time and effort to its functions. Especially do we appreciate the cooperation and service of the Rev. Ronald E. Rice, our Field Worker, without whose efforts many of our projects could not have been carried through. We heartily commend him to all the churches with the assurance that he will give every consideration to your individual needs.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.—Chrm.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. M. L. Banister, subject, "The Four Roads."

Announcements and closing prayer by Rev. Warren Turner, host Pastor.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

This session was opened by singing "Revive Us Again."

All Ministers in the Association were recognized by the Moderator.

Rev. E. U. Hoover led the devotional song, "Lead on Oh King Eternal"

Rev. L. L. Carpenter spoke briefly on Baptist Literature.

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ORGANIZATION

On motion Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. was elected Moderator, Sam L. Knott, Vice-Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk, and D. F. Lanier, Treasurer.

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The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Mr. T. W. Allen and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

W. M. U.	Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
State Missions	Mrs. W. A. Simmons
Home Missions	Mrs. Kelly Hughes
Foreign Missions	Mrs. W. A. Mitchiner
Sunday Schools	Asso. Supt.
Training Union	Asso. Director
Baptist Colleges	Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr.
Religious Literature	Miss Lila Piper
Cooperative Program	Rev. Oren Bradley
Orphanage	Mrs. Frank Averette
Christian Citizenship	Rev. Dennis M. Larkins
Relief and Annuity	Mr. Lee Newton
Asso. Sunday School Supt.	Mr. F. R. Barlowe
Asso. Training Union Director	Mr. C. H. Guerrant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT LARGE

M. S. Currin, Frank Hicks	Term Expires 1952
Clifton Walters, Sam Hobgood	Term Expires 1953
Dr. James F. Pruitt, Horace Hicks	Term Expires 1954
Ollie Milton, R. T. Eakes	Term Expires 1955

Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer Ex Officio Members.

On motion The Association voted to receive Mt. Olivet Church under its watch care.

Representatives from the Church were recognized by the Moderator.

The Rev. Mr. Pentacost, Chaplain at our Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, spoke on the work there.

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The report of the Associational Field-Worker was read by Rev. Ronald E. Rice, discussed by him and Rev. C. H. Norris, then adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL FIELD-WORKER

Your present Field-Worker has completed 13 months employment in the Flat River Baptist Association. Our work with the people of the Association has been interesting and pleasant. We appreciate the good-will and kindness of the churches. We are confident some things have been accomplished for the good of our churches and the Kingdom of God. However, "there remaineth much ground to be possessed."

For the past year the two biggest things planned on an Associational basis have been the Simultaneous Revival Campaign in March and April and the Sunday Morning Radio Programs. A one-day Vacation Bible School Clinic in the Spring helped to promote Bible Schools in nearly all our churches. We have also had Sunday School Rallies and Quarterly Mass Meetings for the Training Union. Much of the planning, publicity, and execution of these various Associational projects has been done through the Associational Office. Also many letters have been written and calls made to get ready for the School of Missions to be held in November. Twenty-five churches are scheduled to participate in the School of Missions.

Throughout the year we have tried through radio, public and personal contacts to keep before our people the entire program of Southern Baptists as each required emphasis. Through the year Southern Baptists have cooperated together in working out a program for work that gets things done. (We need to supply the necessary human labor and resources to make our program work while we trust the power of the Holy Spirit.)

Other special activities of the Field-Worker have been:

Revivals and other Campaigns:

Revivals: Three in the Association.
Two outside the Association.
One Rural Church Enlargement Campaign in Beulah Association.
Two Vacation Bible School Clinics, Roxboro and Burlington.

Study Courses:

W. M. U.—18 books.
Sunday School—one night.
Training Union—19 nights.

Sermons and Special Addresses:

43—on Sundays.
22—Radio Devotionals.
35—Revival Sermons.
7—At Schools, etc.

Conferences:

77—Individuals.
18—Groups.
16—Committee.

Approximately 15,000 miles have been traveled in the interest of the Associational program.

As we consider the work of our churches over the past year and look toward the future several needs stand out clearly:

1. The members of our churches must be led into deeper spiritual living.

2. The listening audience for the radio program should be enlarged and the program improved.

3. Secure a more complete staff of Associational Officers.

4. Plan more adequate Associational activity.

5. Enlarge our Sunday School work and organize more Training Unions.

6. Promote more Study Courses especially for Sunday School.

7. Lead churches toward a far better stewardship program and missionary outreach.

Ronald E. Rice

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The report of the Auditor was read by Mr. D. F. Lanier, in absence of the author and adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

The books of the Treasurer of the Flat River Association have been audited as of Sept. 30-51 and found correct.

All receipts have been properly entered and all disbursements have been accounted for by itemized statements leaving a balance of $510.30 which agrees with the Bank records.

M. S. Currin, Auditor

The report of the Budget Committee was read by the Chairman, Rev. Oren Bradley and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1951-52

SALARIES		
Field Worker	$2,100.00	
Clerk	60.00	
Treasurer	60.00	
		$2,220.00
OPERATING EXPENSE		
House rent	$ 600.00	
Office rent	240.00	
Office telephone	75.00	
Field Worker's travel expense. (4¢ per mile up to 14,400 for the year)	576.00	
Office supplies	150.00	
Relief and Annuity	132.00	
Convention expense	125.00	
Printing (including minutes)	200.00	
Incidentals	100.00	
		$2,198.00
PROMOTION		
Training Union	$ 50.00	
W. M. U.	50.00	
Sunday School	50.00	
Radio Program (Flat River Baptist Hour)	300.00	
		$450.00
Total to be raised by the churches	$4,868.00	
State Convention's supplement to the field worker's salary	1,200.00	
Grand total budget		$6,068.00

The committee recommends that the churches consider carefully and prayerfully the adoption of a goal which will be worthy. It is suggested that if each church will accept a goal of 1¢ per member per week, or 50¢ per year for the total membership of the church we will be able to meet the budget. Some few churches are now doing better than this. If so we urge you to continue.

It is also recommended to ask the churches, if possible, to send in their contributions on a monthly basis.

Finance Committee:
Oren Bradley
Mrs. Sterling Carrington
D. F. Lanier

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Oren Bradley in absence of the author and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We are grateful to the great and beneficient author of existence for all things accomplished in our Sunday Schools.

The theme for our Sunday Schools this year has been, Take your Family to Sunday School; and I feel that a good many of our schools have put emphasis on this particular thing. Therefore, I am sure it has really been of great help in increasing the attendance of our Sunday Schools this associational year.

Many schools are reporting the largest attendance they have ever experienced.

Several new classrooms have been constructed, new teachers enlisted and new classes started. This is certainly one of the great steps in improving our Sunday Schools. We praise God for all the good pastors, faithful teachers, and members who have had a part in making this associational year a success. We should not be contented, but realize that there is much new ground to be broken in our Sunday School work in this association. More classrooms are needed; more teachers to be enlisted, and more church members and unsaved people need to be enlisted in our Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is the Bible teaching agency of the church. It includes all age groups. Jesus said, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". He also said to begin this work in Jerusalem which means our local communities. Be precept and example Jesus told us to go after lost people in the fields close at hand.

There has never been a greater challenge to Christian people to witness for their Saviour than today. If the people of our Sunday Schools fail to realize this then our work for the Master is greatly hindered.

H. L. O'Brien

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The report on Training Union was read by Mr. C. H. Guerrant, Asso. Director and adopted.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Training Union work in this Association has been a success this year. We have not made many changes in our enrollment or the number of Training Unions.

We have fourteen churches with Training Unions. We have a total enrollment in our Training Unions of 850.

While this report is very gratifying, it is not as good as we would like it to be. We are still working to have a Training Union in every church in the Flat River Association. This year we are using the adoption plan. We are asking each church that has a Training Union to adopt a church that does not have a Training Union and work with that church in order to organize a Training Union.

This being our aim we are asking the cooperation of our pastors, deacons and leaders of our churches.

A wide awake Training Union will live and thrive and bear much fruit.

It is my earnest desire to see a Training Union in all the churches in the Flat River Association in the near future.

C. H. Guerrant
Training Union Director

Address by Dr. S. L. Stealy on Christian Education.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

This session was opened at Amis Chapel Church by singing, "The Precious Name of Jesus"

The devotional was led by Rev. C. F. Melton.

Mr. D. F. Lanier reported for special committee, and the Association voted to continue this committee.

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The report on Religious Literature was read by Mrs. Elbert Averette and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The winning of people to Christ and the training and development of our people must be carried on primarily through preaching, teaching, and the use of good religious literature. We must place in the hands of the people religious literature in the form of tracts, magazines and books. The Bible, of course, occupies the chief place in our list of literature and there should be at least one in every home.

The present circulation of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, our state Baptist paper in North Carolina, is nearly 46,000. This means an increase of more than 5,000 during the past twelve months. For this large circulation we are grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists who have supported the paper enthusiastically and have done what they could to get it into the homes of the people.

We have been pleased with the improved and expanded service of the RECORDER during the last twelve months. We feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, organized in 1830, has as its purpose, according to the Constitution, the promotion of "missions, education, social service, and the distribution of the Bible and sound religious literature." We purposely underscore the words "sound religious literature."

In addition to information about Baptist work, the RECORDER carries week by week significant articles which deal with the great issues of life which all our people must face.

The Commission is the organ of our Foreign Mission Board and should be in every home. Also there is the CHARITY AND CHILDREN published weekly by our Baptist Orphanage.

Mrs. Elbert Averette

The report on Cooperative Program was read by Mr. H. W. Currin and adopted.

REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Jesus did not leave his disciples to decide for themselves whether they would support missions. His command was clear that they were to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." A Christian, surrendered to the will of God, cannot but feel that he must be a part of this great commission of his Lord.

The best method ever devised to get this job done is to support our workers at home and abroad through the Cooperative Program. Quoting from the 1950 report to the Baptist State Convention, "There is a growing interest on the part of our people in the Cooperative program. Perhaps this growth and interest is more apparent in the smaller churches."

Of course, the support of the Cooperative Program always rests upon our local churches. For that reason our church members must be instructed and encouraged to bring their tithes and offerings to the church each week. The gathering of the offering is a vital part of the worship service.

In the Flat River Baptist Association our churches have given $1,201.53 more through the Cooperative Program this year than they gave last year, a total of $19,734.47. We rejoice in this increase, but we must go on to better things. Let us remember the Cooperative Program supports everything that Baptist are doing together. We must do our best.

H. W. Currin

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The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Mrs. Calvin Critcher and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

In our child program, we have three channels through which dependent children are aided. Last year at Mills Home and Kennedy Home we cared for 606. Then through Mothers' Aid we helped support 100. In addition to this we supported 58 children in Boarding Homes. This makes a grand total of 764 children who were given support through our Orphanage Program.

There are two major sources of support for our program. The greatest of course is the Once-A-Month offering by the Sunday Schools and Churches, and the other is the Thanksgiving Offering. All this money is used exclusively for the support of the children.

Our Orphanage has never sponsored a special campaign for funds. All buildings have been erected with special gifts from interested friends.

The financial condition of our Orphanage is good. However, it does not have a large surplus of funds as some have thought. Like most of our own families we have to be careful with expenses in order to get through the year without a deficit.

Through the generous bequest of the late Mr. Robert M. Idol and his sister

Miss Lelia M. Idol, we received the greatest single gift that has ever come to the Orphanage—A little more than $700,000.00 (seven hundred thousand). This donation is to be used to build a church, an Infirmary and a Print Shop. These buildings and one cottage for children are now under contract. When these buildings are finished and furnished, we will have less than $30,000 of this fund left, which may be used to help erect another building.

We, as a Baptist people have always responded in the spirit of the Master who said "Whosoever receiveth one such children in My name, receiveth not only Me, but Him that sent Me."

Mrs. Calvin J. Critcher

Rev. J. U. Teague spoke briefly on Chowan College. Song, "Ready For The Lord Shall Come."

Remarks by Mr. R. E. Arvin, congratulating Amis Chapel Church on its accomplishments.

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The report on Baptist Hospital was read by Mrs. Reuben T. Greene and adopted.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Last year 9,700 patients were cared for in the Hospital and 95,000 visits were made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. About half of these were persons with little or no money. They were provided free professional care by our doctors, and were given additional financial assistance with the cost of the service they received.

This free service was made possible by our Mother's Day offerings which amounted to $140,000.00. Other assistance came from various health and welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment, and individual gifts. All this added together enabled the Hospital to spend $337,000.00 in free service. When the free services of the doctors are added to this, it means that our hospital provided three-fourths of a million dollars in free services to these sick persons who have little money. In other words, every time we gave one dollar in our Mother's Day offerings, it enabled our hospital to give five dollars in free service to sick persons who are poor in this world's goods.

We are happy to report that the Mother's Day offerings this year are running ahead of those last year. The reports from the special offerings to raise $700,000.00 toward the building of the new South Wing to the Hospital are encouraging. Most of our churches in the state have been making these offerings and many have gone well beyond their suggested goals. Contracts have been let for this addition to the Hospital and work is beginning on the construction, which will require about 18 months.

Our Hospital seeks to meet the full needs of those who go there for treatment. It seeks to provide the best in medical service. For those who are poor it provides financial assistance, in so far as its resources permit. But beyond these, it provides a spiritual ministry for those who are spiritually sick. Under this

ministry many unsaved persons accept Christ, many weak and neglected Christian lives are renewed, and many physical illnesses are hastened toward recovery. The purpose of our Hospital is to provide a complete Christian Ministry for those who are sick.

Mrs. Reuben T. Greene

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The report on Relief and Annuity was read by Mrs. Fielding Knott and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY

Few of us, I believe, stop to realize that most of what we are and of what our souls aspire to be is due largely to the labors of those humble servants of God who have through the years, called us to redemption, called us to worship and called us to the dedication and surrender of our lives in service to God.

The least we can do for those who have led us spiritually through the years is to make provision for them in their declining years.

We are endeavoring to meet this need through the Relief and Annuity Board. In which task we are only partially succeeding. The assets of this Board have grown tremendously, yet not fast enough to take care of the needs. The assets of the Board have grown from $3,000,000.00 in the late twenties to $20,518,200.12 Jan. 1951.

We find that 10 states in the Southern Baptist Convention paid less in 1950 to this fund than they received. North Carolina being deficient by $6,110.57, which was a larger deficit than any other state.

We find in the Flat River Association only 19 of the 29 churches in 1950 participating in giving to this fund. The Relief and Annuity gifts for the 19 churches reaching only a total of $976.70.

One of the three special offerings approved and recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention is the offering for the relief of aged ministers, a fellowship offering to be taken on the occasion of the observance of the Lord's Supper, during the month of June, or at such a time as convenient for the church.

It is imperative that more of our churches follow the recommendation of our Convention and take this offering that the needs of these older preachers and widows may be met.

Mrs. Fielding Knott

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Rev. Ronald E. Rice discussed the financial report, and Mr. Grant spoke briefly on the Baptist Orphanage.

Address by Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr. on Rural Church Development.

Song, "Work For The Night is Coming"

Address by Dr. M. A. Huggins.

Announcements and closing prayer by Rev. E. W. Greene, host Pastor.

AFTERNOON SESSION

This session was opened by singing "Near The Cross." The Moderator recognized former Pastors, Rev. E. R. Harris, Rev. E. G. Usry, and Rev. V. E. Duncan, Field Worker for Tar River Association.

The devotional was led by Rev. Dennis Larkins. Song, "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"

Address on Christian Citizenship by Dr. Budd Smith, Superintendent of Oxford Schools.

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The report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Mr. Roy Beard.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the Second Sunday in October.
Place—1st Day Island Creek, 2nd Day to be announced.
Preacher—Rev. C. F. Melton.

Roy H. Beard
Mrs. Otho Curl
D. F. Lanier
Committee

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The report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Elbert Wilson and adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

To Pleasant Grove and Amis Chapel, our hostess churches, we say a hearty and sincere thank you for your sincere and heart warming welcome, and your most bountiful hospitality.

To Rev. Roger Williams, our Moderator, and the pastors of our hostess churches, Rev. Warren Turner of Pleasant Grove and Rev. Edward Greene of Amis Chapel, we extend our praise and appreciation.

For the inspiring and soul stirring messages brought to us by pastors, laymen, missionary and all other representatives, we are deeply grateful. It has been a real benediction to sit and listen. May we really come down from the mountain top experience, ready to go into the valley of service. And may this be a time of rededication of our people in Flat River Association to the cause of Christ in our association and to the uttermost parts of the earth. To do this each of us must crown Him, Lord of all.

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
Mrs. Elbert Wilson
Mr. Herman Currin

Motion was made and carried that appropriate resolutions be drafted expressing appreciation of the Association to the Oxford Public Ledger, and to Radio Station W. O. X. F.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

To The Oxford Public Ledger

Dear Sirs:

The Flat River Baptist Association, convening in its 158th Annual Session, wishes to take this opportunity to publicly express the appreciation of her constituent churches for the excellent coverage of local church news on the part of the Oxford Public Ledger. We commend the publisher and editor for the high moral tone of her editorial comment on issues of vital concern to the welfare of the community as a whole.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of this association, and that a copy be sent to the Oxford Public Ledger.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Moderator

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Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of our Association, and that a copy be sent to Radio Station W. O. X. F.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Moderator

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Motion was made and carried that Tungsten Church be admitted into the Association.

The report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. Sterling Carrington.

DECEASED MEMBERS—1951

CONCORD—Mrs. Mary Frances Duke, Mr. Garland Terry.
CORINTH—Mr. Sam C. Connell.
CREEDMOOR—Mr. James Curl, Mr. G. M. Chappell, Mr. Charlie Allgood.
DEXTER—Mr. I. T. Greene, Mr. Earl Greene, Mr. Ray Greene, Mrs. Harold Whittingham.
ENON—Mr. Elam Currin, Mrs. Lucy Cash.
FELLOWSHIP—Deacon S. A. Cannady, Deacon T. W. Currin.
FLORENCE AVE.—Miss Daisy Brooks.
FRANKLINTON—Mr. R. B. Pearce, Sr., Cpl. Alfonso Woodlief, Mr. Sam Smith, Deacon T. P. Barrett.
GRASSY CREEK—Mr. W. L. Carrington, Mrs. Bettie Garrett, Mrs. Rosa N. Moore.
HESTER—Mr. P. C. Brooks, Mr. Charlie Currin, Deacon N. F. Hobgood, Mr. Joseph Hobgood, Mr. Garland Ragland, Mr. J. M. Robertson.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. Robert L. Morgan, Deacon C. H. Sneed, Mr. George Williamson, Mrs. Fannie Hope, Mrs. J. W. Bullock.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. W. S. Newton.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mrs. Mary Ella Eakes, Miss Clyde Hart, Mr. A. L. Elliott, Mrs. Nannie Wilkerson.
MT. ZION—Miss Hattie Turner, Deacon W. H. Dean.
OLIVE GROVE—Mr. Carl Brinkley, Mr. Junius Jones.
OXFORD—Miss Ava Woody, Mr. Robert Owen, Mrs. Sarah Parham, Mr. R. I. Daniel, Cpl. Eugene Ball, Mrs. R. M. Currin, Sr., Mrs. W. C. Tyree, Lt. Cecil Peebles, Mrs. L. J. Montague.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. Roy Boyd.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. J. A. Smith, Miss Julia Winston, Miss Connie Newton.
POPLAR CREEK—Mr. Lucius F. Boyd.
PROVIDENCE—Mr. Joe H. Satterwhite, Mrs. W. M. Jackson, Mrs. J. C. Overton.
ROCK SPRING—Deaconess Alice Keeton, Mr. Ed Shearon.
SHARON—Deacon W. A. Sherman, Mrs. Bessie Melton.
STOVALL—Harold Adcock, Mrs. Arthur Wilson.
TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. Lizzie Belcher.
TALLY HO—Deacon George W. Whitfield, Miss Emma Longmire.
WEST OXFORD—Mrs. Mollie Broyal, Deacon D. G. Thomerson, Mr. Riley Phillips, Mrs. Nathan Harris.

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Special music by Pastors of the Association.
Announcements by Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Rev. M. L. Banister and Rev. Ronald E. Rice.
Words of appreciation by the Moderator.
Closing prayer by Rev. Oren Bradley.
The Association Adjourned.

Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. J. L. Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	53	14	8	11	35	121		
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1	1		1	1	4	14	16		12	15	57	12	13
Concord	Mrs. Leon Coley, Stem	1					1	12					12	12	
Corinth	Mrs. Raymond Currin, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	31	14	13	12	18	88	43	4
Creedmoor	Mrs. A. O. Curl, Creedmoor	2	1	1		1	5	44	20	12		14	90	30	6
Dexter	Mrs. Badger W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	19		9	9	15	52	20	7
Enon	Mrs. R. L. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	57	9	26	20	29	141	100	34
Florence Ave.	Mrs. E. U. Hoover, Virgilina, Va.	1		1			2	15		7			22	15	4
Franklinton	Mrs. Frank Carter, Jr., Franklinton, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	81	9	17	6	30	143	94	12
Grassy Creek	Mrs. G. P. Wilkinson, Nelson, Va.	1		1			2	22		13			35		8
Hester	Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	83	11	21	24	49	188	223	22
Island Creek	Mrs. C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	46	17	26	14	18	121	159	27
Knott's Grove	Mrs. W. H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1				2	27	9				36		
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Annie M. Clark, Oxford, Rt. 4	1		1	1	1	4	50		21	9	42	122	92	10
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Graham Daniel, Rougemont, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	52	19	16	15	29	131	40	18
Olive Grove	Mrs. Agnes Glenn, Northside	1					1	17					17	17	2
Oxford	Mrs. J. Baird Stovall, Oxford	1	1	2	1	1	6	251	10	59	13	51	384	248	48
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Laster Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 3	1				1	2	22				21	43	22	3
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Harry Lee Overton, Creedmoor	1					1	14					14	10	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. E. L. Raynor, Henderson	1					1	22					22	15	3
Providence	Mrs. R. N. Watkins, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	43	18	16	12	55	144	101	15
Rock Spring	Mrs. James Reece, Henderson, Rt. 5	1			1	1	3	21			7	15	43		
Sharon	Mrs. Norman Hicks, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	39	10	12	11	10	82		20
Stovall	Mrs. Oren Bradley, Stovall	2	1	2	2	1	8	45	25	26	11	30	137	66	31
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. S. S. Parham, Oxford	1		1	1		3	25		13	6		44	25	2
Tally Ho	Mrs. L. D. Franklin, Stem	1					1	34					34	45	3
West Oxford	Mrs. W. H. Long, Oxford	1					1	25					25		6
	Totals	29	14	19	17	17	96	1164	201	315	192	476	2348	1389	298

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Amis Chapel	John Bradsher, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2			25	25	29	30	60	58		1	228	122	80	66
Brassfield	E. L. Veasy, Franklinton, Rt. 1			5	7	16	9	12	25			74	40	68	63
Bullock	Jack Campbell, Bullock		6	10	13	23	20	29	37			138	85	75	72
Concord	James L. Jolly, Creedmoor, Rt. 2		4	2	2	6		22	8		4	48	30		
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2			15	20	15	14	15	47			126	72	58	54
Creedmoor	Aubrey Wheeler, Creedmoor		19	13	25	36	34	35	57		6	225	149	126	121
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5		1	4	7	15	7	15	49			98	55	66	59
Enon	C. F. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1	10		14	18	27	31	57	161	20		338	199	84	80
Fellowship	Sam Hobgood, Creedmoor			12	18	20	31	10	29		1	121	90	88	82
Florence Ave.	George P. Smith, Virgilina, Va.			12	10	8	11	22	18		3	84	43	46	41
Franklinton	W. T. Hutchins, Franklinton	10	15	31	46	32	35	31	145	32	8	400	200	139	131
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.			24	25	25	27	37	87			225	135	100	93
Hester	B. W. Pruitt, Oxford, Rt. 1			24	25	37	27	73	181			367	196	144	133
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Henderson			37	26	37	34	60	123	14		331	172	147	119
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Kelly Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 2				8	6	18	25	10		3	70	46	45	43
Mountain Creek	Elbert Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		8	24	18	27	34	32	98		4	245	110	145	138
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1			35	37	44	38	43	114			311	154	160	141
Olive Grove	Joseph Chappell, Butner			25	25	18	18	48	14		2	150	89	75	71
Oxford	Clement Yancey, Oxford		40	64	69	80	102	136	190			681	400	173	168
Peace's Chapel	Edward Woody, Oxford, Rt. 3	5	5	20	15	15	50	30	60		1	201	112	79	74
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Smith, Creedmoor, Rt. 1			17		11	37	20	43			128	70	57	53
Poplar Creek	H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 3			5	5		8		10			40	25	35	30
Providence	W. H. Bowling, Stem, Rt. 1		17	31	26	37	40	38	101		5	295	175	198	174
Rock Spring	George T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5			10	5	13		18	31			77	45	47	43
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4	18		12	6	17	13	23	53			142	70	81	78
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall		10	30	27	48	57	41	144		6	363	210	140	131
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5			9		10	18	24	28		8	97	65	53	50
Tally Ho	Ralph Whitfield, Stem, Rt. 1				14		16		40			70	37	38	30
West Oxford	A. D. Dillehay, Oxford		8	10	33	31	24	72	48		5	230	153	62	50
	Total	43	133	520	555	683	783	1028	2009	66	57	5903	115+	2609	85+

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget
Amis Chapel	R	1855	2-4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	12	8	4	277	20	297	2	8		Yes
Brassfield	R	1823	1-3		1	6	2	82	11	93	1		No	No
Bullock	V	1904	All	J. C. Gill, Jr., Bullock	4		25	129	43	172	1	17	Yes	No
Concord	R	1782	2-4		6		7	94	36	130	1		No	Yes
Corinth	R	1832	2-4	Norman Hicks, Oxford	14	9	5	126	84	210	1	5	No	No
Creedmoor	T	1895	All	John R. Blanchard, Creedmoor	18	18	6	186	50	236	2	8	No	Yes
Dexter	R	1906	2-4			2	6	117	109	226	1	7	No	No
Enon	R		All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	1	15	10			389	1		Yes	
Fellowship	R	1840	1-3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	19	3	5			245	1			
Florence Ave.	V	1891	All	E. U. Hoover, Virgilina, Va.	9	3	5	85	60	145	3	4	No	No
Franklinton	T	1853	All	W. B. Pittard, Jr., Franklinton	12	23	18	339	102	441	1	15	No	No
Grassy Creek	R	1754	All	Dennis Larkins, Oxford	6	7	7	225	243	468	1		No	
Hester	R	1823	All	Roger E. Williams, Jr., Oxford	6	7	20	498	34	532	1	37	No	Yes
Island Creek	R	1822	All	J. C. Gill, Jr., Bullock	9	2	12	305	199	504	1	60	Yes	No
Knott's Grove	R	1901	All	C. F. Melton, Oxford	5	4	3	97	42	139	1	4	No	Yes
Mountain Creek	R	1860	All	Dennis Larkins, Oxford	3	2	22	332	144	476	1	20	No	Yes
Mt. Zion	V	1840	All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	33	17	9	294	64	358	2	30	No	Yes
Olive Grove	R		All		21	5	8	162	100	262	1	4	No	No
Oxford	C	1848	All	M. L. Banister, Oxford	60	56	54	925	433	1358	1	49	No	Yes
Peace's Chapel	R	1887	1-4	Norman Hicks, Oxford	7		13	254	105	359	2	3	No	No
Pleasant Grove	R	1858	2-4	Warren Turner, Wake Forest		1	3			160	1		No	Yes
Poplar Creek	R		2-4			2	3	94	6	100	1	3	Yes	
Providence	V	1907	All	C. F. Melton, Oxford	11	7	6	293	57	350	1	15	No	Yes
Rock Spring	R	1886			2	2	9	112	190	302	1	2	No	No
Sharon	R	1896	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	5	3	7	224	30	254	1	21		No
Stovall	V	1886	All	Oren Bradley, Stovall	24	4		500	212	712	2	33	Yes	No
Tabb's Creek	R	1906	1-3	C. A. Upchurch, 313 E. Lane St., Raleigh	6			110	100	210	1			No
Tally Ho	R		-3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	1	3	8			139	1	2		No
West Oxford	C	1910	All	W. C. Barham, Jr., Wake Forest	11	2	4	183		183	2	6	No	No
				Totals	306	211	281	6043	2474	9450	37	353	5	10

CHURCHES	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year
Amis Chapel	$	$ 27,000.00	$	$ 300.00	$ 90.00
Brassfield		5,000.00			
Bullock	15,000.00	45,000.00	7,000.00	400.00	110.00
Concord		3,000.00			50.00
Corinth		5,000.00			
Creedmoor		75,000.00	25,000.00		
Dexter		12,000.00			
Enon	4,500.00	45,000.00			
Fellowship		25,000.00			
Florence Ave.	7,500.00	15,000.00			
Franklinton	5,000.00	45,000.00			220.00
Grassy Creek	6,000.00	25,000.00			
Hester	17,500.00	65,000.00	6,300.00	1,750.00	280.00
Island Creek		172,500.00	8,893.00	750.00	200.00
Knott's Grove	7,000.00	14,000.00	4,200.00		
Mountain Creek	7,500.00	20,000.00	500.00	2,500.00	275.00
Mt. Zion	4,200.00	75,000.00		200.00	100.00
Olive Grove		22,500.00			
*Oxford	12,000.00	152,000.00			
Peace's Chapel		10,000.00			
Pleasant Grove		10,000.00			
Poplar Creek		3,000.00			
Providence	7,000.00	72,000.00	10,000.00		
Rock Spring		15,000.00			
Sharon		3,200.00			
Stovall	10,000.00	42,500.00	4,500.00	1,080.00	240.00
Tabb's Creek		35,000.00	1,971.00		
Tally Ho		3,500.00			
West Oxford		17,500.00			
Totals	$ 103,200.00	$1,059,700.00	$ 68,364.00	$ 6,980.00	$ 1,565.00

*Brotherhood Enrolment—60

TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	1		1	1	1		1	5	4		6	15	8		16		49	38
Creedmoor	Ralph Green, Creedmoor			1	2	2		1	6			9	18	31		18	3	79	69
Florence Ave.	Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.		1			1		1	3		9			14		16	3	42	42
Franklinton	W. A. Simmons, Franklinton, Rt. 1			1	1	1	1		4			18	16	24	5		4	67	50
Grassy Creek	Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va.		1		1	1	1	1	5		10		7	10	6	12	5	50	
Hester	Mrs. Eloise Bigger, Oxford, Rt. 1		1		1	1	1	1	5		12		19	22	11	9	3	76	53
Island Creek	Mrs. J. R. Sneed, Henderson		1		1	1	1	1	5		13		11	25	18	43		110	44
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Leslie Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		1		1		1	1	4		13		18		12	8	5	51	35
Oxford	T. H. Yancey, Oxford				1	1			2				35	22			5	62	35
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. M. W. Newton, Creedmoor				1	1	1	1	4				11	11	6	20	8	56	35
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Stem, Rt. 1					1			1					18				18	
Stovall	Mrs. M. L. Puckett, Stovall	1	1	1	1	1		2	7	4	4	3	20	19		31		85	45
West Oxford	Willie Saunders, Oxford				1	1			2				12	5				17	7
	Totals	2	6	4	12	13	6	10	53	8	61	36	182	209	58	173	36	762	40†

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	
Amis Chapel	James Elliott, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	$ 250.00	$ 75.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 50.00	$
Brassfield	Mrs. Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	256.44					
Bullock	F. E. Davis, Bullock	418.00	114.40	105.00	104.43	137.00	
Concord	C. C. Currin, Northside		21.00				
Corinth	Raymond F. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 2	103.25		26.80	55.50	85.10	
Creedmoor	Mrs. Joseph Hester, Creedmoor	74.75		56.95	31.00	89.04	
Dexter	Miss Edna M. Roberson, Henderson, Rt. 3	11.55	90.00	62.22	37.57	6.73	
Enon	Tyree Woody, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,852.53	221.10	250.00	250.00	360.00	
Fellowship	Miss Alice Beck, Creedmoor	229.92	75.00				
Florence Ave.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	203.05	75.00	25.00	25.00	61.35	
Franklinton	Dr. S. E. Eakes, Franklinton	606.20	198.00				
Grassy Creek	C. D. Winston, Nelson, Va.	198.00	177.00	22.15	28.00		
Hester	Raymond A. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,750.00	280.00	200.00	275.00	300.00	
Island Creek	G. W. Norwood, Henderson, Rt. 3	600.00	200.00	103.65	143.00	167.00	
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	415.85	84.00	8.63	37.63	34.18	
Mountain Creek	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4	2,055.26	227.00	20.00	18.00	22.87	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lillian F. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	50.00	140.00	25.00	96.00	85.00	
Olive Grove	W. D. Emory, Creedmoor		100.00	55.58	57.77	32.00	
Oxford	W. A. Mitchiner, Oxford	7,874.98	600.00	633.00	450.00	856.00	
Peace's Chapel	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, Rt. 2	245.55		44.42			
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	33.90	75.00	12.10	9.00	7.50	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. E. L. Raynor, Henderson	51.00	84.00	15.00	5.00	20.00	
Providence	S. Forest Jenkins, Oxford, Rt. 1	515.20	144.00	41.76	31.05	76.66	
Rock Spring	William Reece, Henderson, Rt. 5	247.19	100.00	12.00	15.00	19.00	
Sharon	R. S. Greenway, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	249.00	5.62	60.25	42.30	47.75	
Stovall	Marrow Stovall, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,098.47	125.00	99.20	101.66	116.77	
Tabb's Creek	D. C. Critcher, Oxford, Rt. 3	72.10	50.00	64.07	48.05	54.10	
Tally Ho	R. T. Clayton, Stem	78.58	111.00	6.75	10.00	20.00	
West Oxford	Mrs. S. E. Beasley, Oxford, Rt. 3	194.00	108.00			23.00	
	Totals	$19,734.77	$ 3,480.12	$ 1,974.53	$ 1,895.96	$ 2,671.05	$

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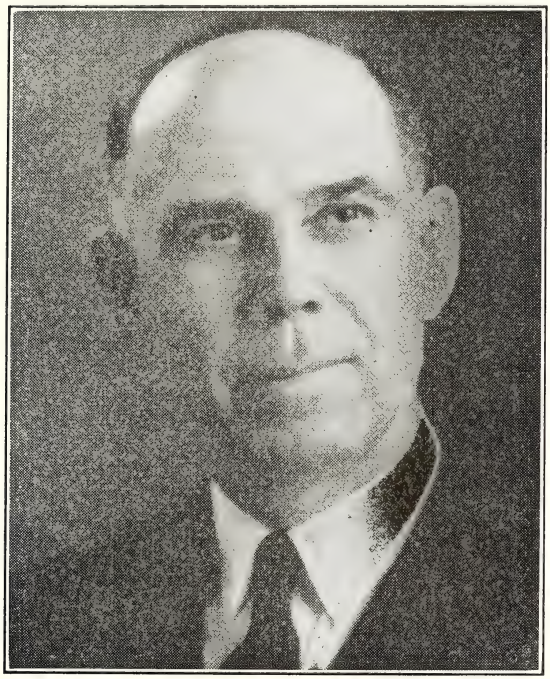

WILLIAM DOWD POE

PASTOR—Enon and Hester Churches
1926-1948

MODERATOR—Flat River Association
1937-1948

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual meeting of the Association and shall be received into fellowship of the Association upon a majority vote of the messengers present.

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member from each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such other committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

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MESSENGERS 1949 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—G. W. Yancey, G. T. Pittard.
BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, Mrs. T. W. Allen.
BULLOCK—Mrs. T. A. Royster.
CONCORD—Mrs. Harvey Goss.
CORINTH—P. C. Blackley, Mrs. Frank Averette, Mrs. G. C. Land.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. J. L. Rogers, Mrs. W. W. Whitfield, Mr. Allen Cross, Mrs. Mamie Zabriskie.
DEXTER—Mrs. S. W. Greene, S. W. Greene, Augustus Greene, C. N. Ball.
ENON—Mrs. S. T. Knott, Mrs. C. P. Critcher, Mrs. E. S. Averette.
FELLOWSHIP—Myrtle Whitaker, Alice Beck, Alvis Whitaker, Mrs. Zella Strother.
FLORENCE AVE.—Miss Bettie Royster, Mrs. F. E. Winfree.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. C. T. Winston.

HESTER—Mrs. C. S. Puckett, C. S. Puckett, Mrs. Sterling Carrington, F. R. Barlowe, A. B. Dean, Marsh Currin, Raymond Adcock, H. J. Brooks, Nelson Currin, H. M. Puckett.

ISLAND CREEK—J E. Jones, Mrs. S. W. Norwood, Charlie O'Brien, Mrs. Cliff Tippett, Zeb Clark, S. E. Wilson, Mrs. M. D. Woody.

KNOTT'S GROVE—J. F. Dean, Sam Pittard, Mrs. Sam Pittard, W. H. Blackwell.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—John S. Watkins, Mrs. S. R. Murray, Mrs. F. G. Adcock, R. T. Eakes, Mrs. S. C. Hart.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Graham Daniel, Mrs. Russell Daniel, Mrs. Beam O'Brian, Beam O'Brian, Thomas Hobgood.

OLIVE GROVE—R. C. Perry.

OXFORD—Mrs. Reuben T. Green, J. E. Pittard, Mrs. W. H. Upchurch, Mrs. W. A. Mitchener, Mrs. Lonnie Nelms.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—George Gresham, L. B. Newton, Mrs. Vincent Morton, Mrs. Clifton Walters.

PLEASANT GROVE—Lee Smith, Elbert Averette, Mrs. Elbert Averette, Mrs. Albert Lawrence.

POPLAR CREEK—Batt Ellington.

PROVIDENCE—G. W. Watkins, Glenn Daniel, C. H. Piper, Mrs. George Watkins, Mrs. Glenn Daniel.

ROCK SPRING—William Reese, G. T. Wilson, Russell Green, E. J. Knott, John E Wilson, Hunter Green.

SHARON—Horace Elliott, Roy Humphreys, Archie Denny.

STOVALL—Mrs. H. B. Williams, H. L. O'Brien, Mrs. J. B. Pittard, Mrs. W. S. Caudle.

TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. Jamie Currin, Mrs. W. M. Brummitt.

TALLY-HO—V. E. Duncan, Edward Lee Clayton, Mrs. J. A. Newton.

WEST OXFORD—D. F. Lanier, W. O. Dickerson, Z. C. Mangum, Mrs. D. F. Lanier, Mrs. W. H. Long.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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OXFORD AND ROCK SPRING CHURCHES

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Oxford Church, October 11, 10:00 A. M.

Rev. M. L. Banister, Moderator, called the Association to order.

Hymn. "Lead On, O King Eternal."

Prayer by Rev. V. E. Duncan.

Roll Call of Pastors and Messengers.

The Moderator recognized the following: Rev. Joe B. Currin and Rev. Kenneth Clark.

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GENERAL MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Fred Phipps, Associational Superintendent.

REPORT ON WOMANS' MISSIONARY UNION

Your Auxiliary, The Woman's Missionary Union, is happy to bring you its annual report. We, its members are "laborers together with God", and through another year of service we have tried to help send out His light and His truth.

It was with deep regret that the resignation of Mrs. W. D. Poe as Superintendent was accepted last January. The W. M. U. has made steady progress during her faithful, efficient leadership.

During 1949 the usual meetings have been held, the Leadership Conference in January, the 40th annual meeting at Enon in April. This was a day of inspiration, Miss Minne Berry, Mrs. H. G. Hammett, and Miss Hilda Mayo were our guest speakers.

The Women and young people of the Flat River Association are humble and grateful that God has blessed them in their service for Him during the past year. In offerings they have placed upon His altar gifts amounting to $10,411.38 to be used to enlarge His work and make His name known throughout the world.

Study has a prominent place in our plans. We have seen evidence of more Missionary reading as we have recorded increased subscriptions to our magazines and a larger number of Mission study classes, 129 classes were reported last year and 917 religious

periodicals go into the homes of our members monthly. Mrs. Broadie O'Brian is our Mission study chairman.

Community Missions continues in its blessed Mission of helping Women and Young People to exalt the Savior in their own Community. More of our members are active in this work than ever before. Mrs. Calvin Frazier is our Community Mission Chairman.

Mrs. W. A. Mitchener, our stewardship Chairman was elected Superintendent of the Raleigh Division at Dunn, October 4th.

Prayer for Missions and Missionaries is one of the chief aims of W. M. U. by use of the calender of prayer and participation in the three seasons of prayer and observance of the 9 o'clock prayer hour each morning, our women and young people are working for missions upon their knees.

Not for want of time, material, nor opportunity to use it do we have to confess our year was not all it should have been, though some progress was made.

There is much work to be done in this Association as we strive to increase our interest, organize new societies, reach the unenlisted, enlarge our gifts, plan more definite work for the young people and seek to bring the lost to Christ.

As we "Labor together with God, to make known to the Sons of men His Mighty Acts and the glory of the Majesty of His Kingdom," we are praying for the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. Fred A. Phipps, Supt.

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The report on State Missions was read by Mr. Harold O'Brien.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Most of the churches in North Carolina have been aided in one way or another through the State Mission Program. Within the past fifteen years some four hundred churches have come into existence, and State Missions has helped in one way or another three fourths of them.

As the denomination has grown so has the State Mission Program. There are now nineteen different activities in this program. These activities are listed herewith:

S—Sunday School work.
T—Training Union work.
A—Summer Assemblies.
T—Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio etc.).
E—Evangelism city and association wide revivals and missionary activities.
M—New and needy churches.
I—Work among the Indians.
S—Schools for ministers.
S—Work among silent people.
I—International Activities.
O—Other activities, including Allied Church League, Rural Work.
N—Neglected Areas (Lots for new churches).
S—Student work among 15,000 Baptist students.

Rev. John T. Biddle has recently been called and is now serving as our Associational Missionary. The State Mission Board recently purchased a tent and services are

being held in it at Tungstein North Carolina. Flat River Asso.

How is this great program supported?

State Missions receives 13% of the total gifts through the co-op. program. In addition to that some money is received through the S. School Training Unions, and student work, then the W. M. Union makes a special offering in September, then October is State Mission month. During that month, and particularly on the last two Sundays the people are asked to make a special offering through the Sunday Schools and churches for all these activities.

Let us remember that State Missions is not one object but nineteen. One's offering therefore would need be a dollar if only five cents is given to each activity.

Harold L. O'Brien

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The report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. W. A. Mitchener in the absence of the author, Mrs. Ben Averette.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The annual report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Oklahoma City, May, 1949, revealed a successful year in evangelism with 46,351 conversions. There were 741 missionaries serving during the year with an additional group of 287 student summer workers giving three months of service.

Direct missionaries distributed 48,336 copies of the Bible and Gospel portions and 1,776,704 pages of tracts. The magazine, *Southern Baptist Home Missions,* had a circulation of 116,000. Mission study books, sold through the book stores, numbered 127,000.

There were 281 new missions opened during the year, 53 among the language groups, 129 in city missions, and 99 in the western states. The report showed 245 new churches constituted and 54 revived, 23 among the language groups, 98 in the city missions program, 33 in rural work, and 90 in the western states. There were 54 churches revived in rural areas.

Departments of home mission work include: church building and loan, radio, Southern Baptist chaplains, general field workers, work among the Negroes, and departments of education and publicity, Jewish work, evangelism, summer student missions, co-operative missions (city missions, rural church program, western missions program, mountain missions), and direct missions (Cuba, Canal Zone, Panama, Indians, Spanish-Mexicans, Cubans in the States, French, Italians, Chinese, Japanese, language groups, deaf, mission centers, rescue missions).

Mrs. Ben Averette

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The report on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. C. D. Winston.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptists have mission work in thirty geographical areas. In seven of these areas work is at present carried on by nationals without missionary personnel; (three of these are in Communist Europe, three in Communist China and the other in Moslem

Trans-Jordan). *The Foreign Mission Board has* 689 *active missionaries under appointment, working in* 119 *mission centers.*

Seventy-three missionaries were appointed in 1948; forty-six additional appointments were made between January 1 and May 31, 1949. Missionaries are stationed in four new areas: Guatemala, Venezula, Formosa, and West China. Also, Costa Rica with two missionaries was transferred from the Home Mission Board to the Foreign Mission Board on May 1, 1949.

Several new centers have been opened, including Paysandu, Uruguay; Valparaiso, Chile; Barquisimeto, Venezuela; Guatemala City, Guatemala; Zurich, Switzerland; Beirut, Lebanon; Taipeh, Formosa; Wuwei, West China.

In response to an undercurrent of insistence, Secretary M. Theron Rankin, early in 1948, proposed an advance program calling for an annual budget of $10,000,000 and a total staff of 1750 missionaries. This grew into the Southern Baptist Advance Program presented to the Convention in Oklahoma City in May launching a campaign for advancement all along the line, from the local church to the world mission fields, based on the principle of a fifty-fifty division of the collectionplate dollar.

Foreign Mission advance depends upon devotion to Christ and his kingdom program. The Holy Spirit will provide the necessary resources in men and money, if Southern Baptists are determined to do the will of God.

Mrs. C. D. Winston

These reports were discussed as a whole by Rev. G. W. Bullard, State Superintendent of Associational Missions, and adopted. The Moderator recognized Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr., Rev. Ronald D. Hicks and Mrs. Williams, Grand Mother of Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Committees, made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We submit for election as committee chairmen for the coming Associational year the following:

Christian Education ---------- Mr. Sam Knott
Christian Citizenship ---------- Mr. Glenn Daniel
Cooperative Program ---------- Mr. Thomas Hobgood
Orphanage ---------- Mrs. H. H. Hicks
Hospital ---------- Mrs. Reuben Green
Religious Literature ---------- Mrs. Hubert Sanderford
State Missions ---------- Mr. George Wilson
Home Missions ---------- Mrs. John R. Williams
Foreign Missions ---------- Mr. Nat T. Brummitt
Relief and Annuity ---------- Mr. D. F. Lanier
Sunday School (Asso. Supt.) ----------
Training Union (Asso. Director) ----------
W. M. U. (Asso. Supt.) ----------

We submit the following to comprise the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher:
—Mr. C. H. Piper
—Mrs. Casper Critcher
—Mr. Lee Smith

We submit the following to comprise the Committee on Nominations, to nominate an Auditor of the Association, a Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, and two members of the Executive Committee at Large; and any other such nominations as shall be called for by the Constitution of the Flat River Baptist Association:
—W. I. Terrell
—R. C. Perry
—Mrs. Clif Tippett

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. Sterl Carrington and Mrs. Lonnie Nelms.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Norman Hicks and Rev. John T. Biddle, Associational Missionary.

Rev. B. E. Morris of West Durham spoke on the Wake Forest College Campaign.

Special Music by Miss Ruth Harover, Minister of Music of the Oxford Church.

Announcement by Rev. M. L. Banister host to the association.

Annual Sermon preached by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Subject—"Evangelism"

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"
Prayer by Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr.

ORGANIZATION

Rev. M. L. Banister and Mr. T. W. Allen were reelected Moderator and Vice-Moderator respectively. Sam A. Howard was reelected Clerk, and Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. was elected Treasurer. Motion was made and carried that the chair appoint a committee to assist the Treasurer.

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The report of Committee on Nominations was read by Rev. W. I. Terrell.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Auditor——Mr. John Ed Pittard, Oxford
Asso. S. S. Supt.——Mr. V. E. Duncan, Tally Ho
Asso. T. U. Director——Mrs. W. S. Caudle, Stovall

Two members at large to serve on the Executive Committee for a period of four years:

Mr. Clifton Walters, Peace's Chapel
Mr. Sam Hobgood, Fellowship

W. Isaac Terrell
Mrs. C. S. Tippett
R. C. Perry

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT

FOR

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 1949

Few associational missionaries are privileged to begin their services under such favorable circumstances as did your present missionary. Therefore, I am happy to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Brother Roger Williams, and all the other associational officers for the truly fine work they did before my coming to the Association; and for their continued earnest and prayerful support since. And to the pastors and their churches I am no less grateful for the warm welcome I have received, with such co-operation I face the future with confidence. Continue to pray for me brethren and sisters, that I may serve you well. In as much as each of the department leaders will bring reports on their work, I shall only give summary of my efforts:

Churches visited	23
Missions visited	1
Sermons preached	17
Prayer meetings	1
Film slides	2
W. M. U. Programs	3
W. M. U. Study Courses	2
Funerals conducted	1
Church conferences	3
Radio Programs	5
Other addresses	2
S. S. mass meetings	1
S. S. Planning meetings	1
S. S. Ass'n. Supts meetings	1
T. U. Mass meetings	2
T. U. Div. Meetings	1
Executive Com. meetings	2
Money received and given to Asso. Treas.	$145.00
Total meetings attended in local churches	44

No attempt is made to report conferences, group and individual committees attended.

THINGS HOPED FOR IN 1950

T. U. Clinics (group) 2
S. S. Clinics (group) 2
Whole Ass'n. Census
Associational Visitation Day.
Preachers Revival (5 days)

OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION

Ass'n. Missions Conference Fruitland 1 week.
Rural Ch. Enlg. Revival Union Ass'n. 1 week.
School of Missions Sandy Creek Assn. 1 week.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

W. M. U. Study Courses:
West Oxford—Oct. 12
Amis Chapel—Oct. 30
Providence—Nov. 18
Mt. Zion—Dec. 2
Grassy Creek—(?)
Dexter—(?)

TRAINING UNION:
Hester—Oct. 24-28

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Planning meetings in churches—(?)
Group Clinic, Mt. Creek—Oct. 17-21
Group Clinic, Creedmoor—Oct. 31 Nov. 4.

KINGDOM INVESTMENTS:
Corinth—Nov. 21-22
Grassy Creek—Nov. 23-24
Oxford First—Nov. 25.

ASSOCIATION-WIDE EFFORTS:
Rural Church Enlg. Revival—April 16-21, 1950.
School of Missions—Oct. 29—Nov. 3, 1950

Rev. John T. Biddle

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the chairman, Rev. W. S. Caudle, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The work of the Executive Committee has been filled with anxiety and satisfaction, joys and sorrow, accomplishments and hinderances. Five meetings have been held this year. At the first meeting following the last Associational meeting, your Executive Committee elected the following officers: W. S. Caudle, Chairman; R. W. Winston, Vice-Chairman; F. R. Barlowe, Clerk. Immediately the Committee as a whole set it's face toward the future and began to make plans to carry out the mission which the Association had intrusted to it. The Committee was divided into smaller committees in keeping with the Constitution. These Committees were: Christian Education, Christian Citizenship, Co-operative Program, Religious Literature, Orphanage and Hospital, Pastoral Relations, Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U. and Emergency. Most of these committees report some progress made during the year.

The program for our future work within our Association is planned—in part—well into the year of 1951. The task is far from being completed but the Committee has confidence in the Churches that they will join whole-heartedly in the task and bring honor to our Lord as we march ever onward to a greater day for our Flat River Association.

At the April meeting, the resignation of Rev. Roger Williams, Jr. was heard and accepted with regrets and best wishes. He had been serving efficiently as Associational Missionary. He was not lost entirely to the Association for he is the progressive Pastor of Hester Church. We wish to commend this Church and Pastor for their faith in beginning the first rural, full-time program within our Associational territory. After his resignation, a committee was appointed to secure an Associational Missionary, composed of Rev. R. E. Rice, Rev. W. I. Terrell and Layman Frank H. Hicks.

The above Committee was led to the Rev. John T. Biddle, who was serving as an Associational Missionary in the Randolph Association. Brother Biddle was called and came on the field July 1. He has begun a comprehensive program and, we think, an attainable program.

The Committee lost several of it's members during the year. We were saddened at the home-going of our beloved W. D. Poe and our Vice-Chairman and Auditor R. W. Winston. We rejoice in their triumph. Mr. B. D. Bunn resigned to become President of Chowan College and has moved from our Association. Mrs. W. D. Poe has resigned as President of the W. M. U. ,T. L. McSwain and E. M. Powell have left the Association.

Mrs. Fred Phipps has come to us as W. M. U. President and Mr. John Ed Pittard was elected to fill the unexpired term of R. W. Winston, deceased.

There has been harmony in the meetings of the Executive Committee and a great spirit of fellowship has prevailed among us. The work has been hindered because some of the members have been unable to attend the meetings. Great care should be given to the appointment of members of the Executive Committee. Men and women should be elected who are consecrated and who are not deprived of attending the Executive Committee meetings because of vocations.

W. S. Caudle, Chr.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Rev. W. S. Caudle and adopted along with the Auditor's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

FOR

OCTOBER 1, 1948 TO OCTOBER 10, 1949

Balance on hand in General Fund		$ 106.99
Amount transferred from Projector Fund		22.36
Amount Transferred from Minute Fund		78.04
Amount Received from Churches, Supply and Convention		4,523.47
Total to be accounted for		4,730.86
Total expenditures	$4,234.94	
Less unreconciled difference	39.09	
Amount Paid out		4,195.85
Balance		535.01
Outstanding Checks		5.75
Net Balance to date		$ 529.26

W. S. Caudle, Treasurer

Audited and approved with exceptions noted—October 10, 1949.

J. E. Pittard, Auditor

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The report of the Finance Committee was read by Rev. Ronald E. Rice, discussed by him, Rev. W. I. Terrell, Rev. W. S. Caudle and adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Suggested Budget for 1949-50:	
Missionary's Salary	$3,000.00
House Rent	600.00
Office Rent	120.00
Telephone for Office	51.40
Travel	300.00
Bulletins and Mailing	150.00
Convention Expenses	100.00
Relief and Annuity	120.00
Associational Clerk	60.00
Associational Treasurer	60.00

Printing of Minutes and Mailing	150.00
Baptist Training Union	50.00
W. M. U.	50.00
Assoc. Sunday School	50.00
Incindentals	138.60
TOTAL BUDGET	$5,000.00
Less State Convention Supplement	1,200.00
Amount to be secured by Association	$3,800.00

M. L. Banister, Chm.
W. Isaac Terrell
Ronald E. Rice

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The report on Religious Literature was read by Rev. E. W. Greene in the absence of the author Rev. E. L. Kincaid, and discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The present circulation of the BIBLICAL RECORDER IS AROUND 43,000. For our large circulation we are grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists who have supported the paper enthusiastically and have done what they could to get it into the homes of the people. We express our appreciation to General Secretary M. A. Huggins and all the State workers for the great help which they have rendered.

The RECORDER has three subscription plans: 2.50 a year for individual subscriptions; $2.00 a year in clubs—a minimum of at least 3 subscriptions is required for every church reporting less than 100 members, and 5 subscriptions for every church reporting more than 100 members, $1.50 a year for the Every-family Plan—one subscription for each resident church family is required. We hope that pastors, superintendents, deacons, Training Unions, and W. M. U. leaders will do what they can to encourage a good club in every Baptist church; or better still, persuade the churches to inaugurate the Every-family Plan. At the present time there are 300 churches which have the RECORDER in every resident family. There are 783 churches which have RECORDER clubs.

Our aim is to make the BIBLICAL RECORDER both a wholesome, attractive family weekly and a solid, substantial denominational journal. We feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, organized in 1830, has as its purpose, according to the Constitution, the promotion of "missions, education, social service, and the distribution of the Bible and *sound religious literature*." We purposely underscore the words "sound religious literature."

E. L. Kincaid

The report on the Cooperative Program was read by Rev. Ronald E. Rice, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

In the year 1948 North Carolina Baptists sent approximately 48% of their total missionary gifts through the cooperative program. In the Flat River Association we gave approximately 49% of all missionary money through the Cooperative Program. While these figures do not pretend to be exact, yet they are indicative of the fact that many of our people believe in this way of giving.

All money given through the Cooperative Program is divided equally between State and Southwide causes. Of every $100.00 contributed $50.00 is sent to the Southern Baptist Convention to be used for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Relief and Annuity, and the three seminaries. Of the $50.00 kept in North Carolina, $7.00 goes to the Hospital, $13.00 to State Missions, and $30.00 to the Baptist colleges.

Quoting from the 1948 report of the General Board, "The program as a method, or plan, gains interest and support only as our people are led to see it. After working with it for nearly a quarter of a century it is now known that it is a superb plan, and it is also known that the greater part of our people will support it if and when they are led to understand it."

Therefore, in making this report we urge our pastors to keep their people informed regarding the cooperative program. We should like to suggest also to our Baptist people that they try earnestly to increase the gifts of the churches through the co-operative program.

Ronald E. Rice

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Hymn—"Take My Life And Let It Be."
Prayer by Rev. E. G. Usry.
Adjourned.

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SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

This session was opened at Rock Spring Church with singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and prayer by Rev. J. W. L. Moose.

The Moderator recognized the following: Mr. J. D. Fraley, Treasurer of the Baptist Orphanage and Mrs. Fraley, also Mrs. Caudle, mother of Rev. W. S. Caudle.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks in the absence of the author, Dr. James F. Pruitt.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Vacation Bible Schools of the Association showed an increase over last year. It was under the able leadership of Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Miss Neva Harper, and workers of the various churches. All but one church had a Vacation Bible School, and we are hoping that all of the churches will have them in 1950.

There were 2281 enrolled with an average attendance of 1857, which represents an increase of 280.

With new churches being built which will provide better facilities for teaching, I believe that 1950 should break all records pertaining to Sunday School provided all members work earnestly for God's Kingdom.

James F. Pruitt

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The report on Training Union work was read by Mrs. W. S. Caudle.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Training Union work in this Association has shown much progress in the past year. At the beginning of our 1949 Associational year we only had six Training Unions, and some of these were not fully graded. Last January West Oxford organized a fully graded Training Union and in February Bullock did the same.

During the week of April 10-16 our State Training Union workers, and many volunteer workers came into our Association to put on a Training Union Enlargement Campaign. Only eleven of our twenty-eight churches participated, however, we feel that the effort was well worth while, for two new Training Unions were organized, and the old ones were strengthened and given new life. Since that time Peace's Chapel and Rock Spring have organized Training Unions, bringing the total Unions to twelve, and before the end of this month another will be added to these.

The value of training our church members for Christian service cannot be over emphasized. Many of our churches are badly in need of trained teachers and officers and the finest way to get them is to train them in a Training Union.

My goal for the coming year is a fully graded Training Union in each of our twenty-eight churches.

Mrs. W. Shelly Caudle,
Training Union Director

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The report on Christian Education was read by Mr. F. R. Barlowe, discussed by Dr. George Griffen of Wake Forest College and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention there are in operation thirty-one senior colleges, twenty-four junior colleges and eight academies with an enrollment of approximately 55,000 students. Of this number about 6,500 are ministerial students with over 2,000 more volunteers for full-time Christian service.

In North Carolina we have six Baptist colleges with an enrollment of 5,481 which is about 10% of all the Baptist students of the South.

Our Baptist colleges are at a considerable disadvantage when compared to the state institutions unless we increase our appropriations considerably. For this year the State of North Carolina has appropriated approximately $400.00 per student in the various institutions it supports while the Baptist colleges will have about $60.00 per student enrolled. Anyone can readily see the difficulty that the Baptist colleges are having and will continue to have trying to furnish good facilities, the proper equipment and well trained instructors on $60.00 per student while the state spends $400.00 for the same purpose. Baptist colleges need more money per student than other colleges because they need the best facilities and equipment and should, and do, use more care in the selection of their instructors because their purpose is two-fold, that is the training of both the mind and the heart while the state is interested principally with the mind only.

The following suggestions are made as a means to further the Christian program in our colleges;

1—Find and direct to our colleges the most outstanding and capable young men and women.

2—Advertise the work being carried on by our colleges to the young people who may be interested in a college education.

3—Familiarize ourselves and the church membership as a whole with the Christian educational program as it is being carried on by our colleges so that we will be more interested in lending ourselves and our money to the support of these schools.

4—Let us substitute prayer in the place of criticism of our Christian education as it is being carried on by these institutions.

F. R. Barlowe

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The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Mrs. Macy Newton, discussed by Mr. J. D. Fraley and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Since the establishment of our orphanage on August 5, 1885 thousands of homeless boys and girls have been cared for. Last year we helped 793 children in Mills Home, Kennedy Home, in foster homes, and helped other needy children in their homes with their mothers. Help was given 22 more children than in 1947 and 93 more than in 1946. A new cottage is soon to be opened at Kennedy Home that can take care of 24 more children. Because of new buildings and improvements our orphanage spent $56,000 more than it received. It seems now that this will happen again this year. We did not go in debt but dipped heavily into our reserve fund. Let's help to rebuild that reserve fund quickly.

As I represent the Orphanage today, I am urging you as true Christians to do three things for it next year. First, learn something of what is being done by both workers and children. Visit the Mills and Kennedy Homes and become acquainted with the children. Second, love both children and workers, pray for them, become concerned about them. Third, lend of your material and spiritual wealth to your Baptist Orphanage. "Ye are not your own, but are bought with a price." Give good account of your stewardship by feeding well the fatherless and needy lambs of our state.

Mrs. Macy Newton

Special Music by Rev. M. L. Banister, Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Rev. W. S. Caudle and Rev. W. I. Terrell.

Mr. T. W. Allen, Vice-Moderator was called to the chair and took over the gavel.

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The report on Baptist Hospital was read by Mr. Charles F. Jones, discussed by Chaplain Fred L. Bell and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Teaching and healing, two of the principal precepts of Christ's ministry, are the main objectives of your Baptist Hospital, which, together with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College forms the only Baptist-owned hospital and medical school combined in the world today.

Originally planned as a 100-bed institution, the hospital was enlarged in 1942 to a capacity of 260 beds and 55 bassinets. The hospital admits approximately 8,800 persons per year as bed patients.

The school of nursing began operation with the opening of the hospital in 1923 and graduated its first class in 1926. A total of 386 students have graduated since then in 22 classes.

The hospital is the property of North Carolina Baptists and is the concrete expression of their desire to minister to the whole person. A patient's need for pastoral care is increased, rather than lessened, by his physical difficulties. To meet this need, the hospital has established a full Department of Religion with a director, a chaplain and a student secretary. The chaplain is on call 24 hours a day at the hospital.

Funds received each year in Mother's Day Offerings are used to pay the hospital expenses of those patients who can pay only a part of their hospitalization or nothing at all. Receipts from the churches in Mother's Day Offerings in 1948 totaled $141,150.51, and a goal of $150,000 has been set for 1949. The total includes the value of linens contributed through Women's Missionary Unions and estimated at $2,115.09 last year. Approximately half of the 8,800 bed patients admitted to the hospital in 1948 and all those seen in the outpatient clinics (36,000 visits) paid no doctor's fee and were assisted by the Mother's Day Offering. The hospital provided more free service in 1948 than any other denominationally-controlled hospital in the South. Free service amounting to $314,777.17.

Charles F. Jones

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Special Music.

Inspirational Message by Rev. Norman Hicks.

Prayer by Rev. W. I. Terrell.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"I Am Bound For The Promised Land."
Prayer by Rev. John T. Biddle.

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The report on Christian Citizenship was read by Mr. T. W. Allen, discussed by Rev. W. I. Terrell and adopted.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

The responsibility of a christian citizen goes far beyond that of just a citizen. A christian will not willfully do the things forbidden by law. The added responsiblity to christian citizenship begins where the law ends. Christ taught his followers to be active, not only in religious life, but all the other activities of the community that help to make this a better world.

If we live our lives as a citizen in our community and it has not been made better, our lives have been a failure. Christ's plan for saving this world is through his followers. In almost two thousand years we have made poor progress in not what we did, but what we did not do. Too long we have recognized Sin only as an act of commission. We should continue to teach that it is wrong for a christian to drink Alcoholic Beverage in any form, Steal or commit any Sin.

We should just as forceable teach that God gave to each of us talents, or a talent as it may be. The failure to use these talents, or to make the wrong use of them, is the greatest sin of our day. Nowhere in the Bible do we find a stronger rebuke and a more severe punishment than Christ gave the unfaithful servant in the parable of the talents. There is a difference in being a christian and living a christian life. Salvation is a free gift of God. Christian living is service, service in christian citizenship.

T. W. Allen

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The report on Relief and Annuity was read by Rev. E. G. Usry, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The reports reviewing the work of the Relief and Annuity Board presented to the Board in its annual meeting in Dallas on March 9 clearly showed 1948 to be a year of splendid achievement in service rendered and in increased assets.

Officers of the Board were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer-investments.

The total income for 1948 was $3,888,740.40, with total benefits paid amounting to $1,292,341.84. Total assets of the Board as of December 31, 1948, were $15,094,093.60.

There were 2,297 new certificates issued in all the plans of the Board, 774 of them being in the Ministers Retirement Plan.

The relief department paid out $237,252.09 to 1,385 beneficiaries. In nine states more money was spent for relief than was received for relief in those states. We would urge every church in the association to follow the Calendar of Denominational Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention and take a fellowship offering, preferably at the observance of the Lord's Supper, or at such time as convenient for the church. Unless this is done no increases can be granted in 1949 and few new names can be added to the roll.

E. G. Usry

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The report on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Mrs. Casper Critcher and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

TIME—Tuesday and Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October.
PLACE—Tuesday—Enon.
Wednesday—Stovall.
PREACHER—Rev. W. I. Terrell.
Alternate—Rev. Ronald D. Hicks.

Committee—C. H. Piper
Lee Smith
Mrs. Casper Critcher

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The report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

That we extend to Oxford, Dexter and Rock Spring churches our sincere appreciation for their warm welcome and bountiful hospitality.

Our commendation to Rev. M. L. Banister as Pastor of the Hostess church and Moderator of the association.

We are deeply grateful for the inspiring messages brought to us by pastors and laymen in sermon, music and song throughout the soul-stirring and heart-searching programs.

In view of the deep need of the world today and our great opportunity as laborers in God's Kingdom, that we, in Flat River Association dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of Christ in our association, State and throughout the uttermost parts of the world.

Mrs. Sterling Carrington
Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
Committee on Resolutions

The following changes in the constitution were discussed and adopted.

SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article 3—Organization.
Section 1.
The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected, etc.
Article 3—Organization.
Section 1.
The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year (deleting the words on Christian Education, Christian Citizenship, Cooperative program, Orphanage and Hospital, Religious Literature) and eight lay-members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: etc.
Article 4—Duties of Officers.
Section 1.
The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees *at least two weeks before the Annual meeting* and such other committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.
By-Laws.
1—Ministers and lay members of *other* Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall not be entitled to vote.
9—(By-law nine to be deleted in it's entirety.) Repititious with Article 6; Sect. 1.
Article 6—Miscellaneous.
Section 1.
This constitution may be amended on the second day of the annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

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The Moderator appointed the following committee to assist the Treasurer: F. R. Barlowe, C. F. Jones, and Harold O'Brien.
Remarks by Mr. Chaplik, Polish missionary in Baltimore, Md.
The association voted that the minutes of the association for 1949 be dedicated to Rev. W. D. Poe.

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The report on Obituraries was read by Mrs. Sam A. Howard.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS—1949

Those who have gone out from us since the last meeting are as follows:
AMIS CHAPEL—Mr. Ossie Young.
BRASSFIELD—Mr. J. E. Estes.
BULLOCK—Mr. F. H. Vaughan.
CORINTH—Mr. W. S. Latta, Mrs. Lester S. Currin.

ENON—Pastor W. D. Poe, Deacon S. J. Averette, Mr. M. B. Hobgood, Mr. Noah Gooch, Mrs. Louise King, Mrs. Lucy Averette, Mrs. Lucy Riggan.
FELLOWSHIP—Mrs. Eula Allen, Mrs. C. C. Merritt, Mr. Bernice Peed, Mr. W. T. Whitt, Mr. Roy Williams.
HESTER—Mrs. J. M. Robertson, Mrs. Broadie Currin, Sr.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. L. L. Wilson, Mr. Frank Wade, Mrs. Mint Knott.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mr. H. S. Hart, Mr. J. R. Jones, Mr. L. W. Parham, Mrs. R. L. Eakes, Mrs. Novetta Thompson.
MT. ZION—Mr. Ben Wilkerson.
OLIVE GROVE—Mr. Thomas Julian Perry, Mrs. Arebell Aiken, Miss Nan Wheeler.
OXFORD—Mrs. Eula Mae Harris, Mr. R. W. Winston, Mr. Rom T. Chandler, Mrs. B. H. O'Brian, Miss Maggie Humphries, Mr. R. A. Barker, Deacon Rux D. Currin.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. J. P. Howell, Mrs. Pattie C. Crews, Deacon E. S. Simms, Mr. James C. Wilson, Mr. R. B. White, Mr. C. B. Hunt, Jr., Mr. Wallace Hilliard.
PROVIDENE—Deacon S. H. Brinkley.
SHARON—Mr. Eddie Lee Williams.
STOVALL—Mr. Arthur Hart, Mr. Jim Hicks, Mr. Robert Gill.
TABB'S CREEK—Mr. J. G. Hobgood, Mr. John Beal.
TALLY HO—Miss Bessie Daniel, Mrs. Della Johnson, Mr. Willard Whitfield, Mrs. Ada Davis, Mr. W. L. Haskins.
WEST OXFORD—Mr. John Beasley, Mr. Hugh Hunter, Mr. Titus Cutts, Mrs. Claud L. Saunders.
FLORENCE AVE.—Mrs. W. D. Amis.
CONCORD—Mrs. Euphrasia Waller, Mr. S. T. Lyon, Mr. Elvin Vaughn.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mr. Amos Boyd.
POPLAR CREEK—Mr. Carl Parrott.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Alma Merritt.

God, our heavenly Father, in his love and mercy, has been pleased to call to His eternal home these faithful members and co-workers.

Among these called was Rev. W. D. Poe, former Moderator of this Association, and one of our most loyal and faithful pastors who served on this field for 23 years.

Great gains were realized under his effective ministry and splendid leadership. We humbly thank God for his Christ-like life, and for his influence which shall continue to live among us. We wish to express to his family, also to the families of the others who have passed on, our love and deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Life is a book in volumes three;
The Past, the Present, the Yet to be.
The Past is finished and laid away;
The Present we're living every day.
The third and last of the volumes three;
Is hid from sight, God holds the key.

Now may we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well while Mr. E. G. Usry leads us in a special prayer.

Mrs. Sam A. Howard
Committee

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Inspirational Message by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks.
Prayer by Rev. Ronald E. Rice.

M. L. Banister, Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	Location OC-V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letter and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Church Library
Amis Chapel	OC		2 — 4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	19	4	2	260	15	275	1	8		Yes
Brassfield	OC	1823	1 — 3	E. L. Kincaid, Durham	9		3	77	10	87	1			
Bullock	V	1904	1 — 3	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	10	12	3	124	52	176	1	19	Yes	
Concord	OC		2 — 4	Leo Bridges, Durham	2		7	80	50	130	1			
Corinth	OC	1832	2 — 4	Norman Hicks, Oxford	2	8	5	126	83	209	1	4		
Creedmoor	T	1895	2 — 4	E. L. Kincaid, Durham	14	6	7	226	63	289	2			
Dexter	OC	1906	2 — 4	Ray Hodge, Kenley	5	8	5	125	100	225	1	10		
Enon	OC	1875	1 — 3	Ronald Hicks, Oxford	16	2	18			375	1	32		
Fellowship	OC	1840	1 — 3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	6		14			218	2			
Florence Ave.	V	1891	1 — 3	R. E. Rice, Virgilina, Va.	4	1	2	65	70	135	1			
Grassy Creek	OC	1754	1 — 4	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	9	3	9			469	1			Yes
Hester	OC	1823	Every	Roger E. Williams, Jr., Oxford	12	10	2	423	97	520	1	12		
Island Creek	OC	1822	2 — 4	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	10	5	11	268	250	518	1	40	Yes	
Knott's Grove	OC	1901	1 — 3	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	6	2	5			133	1	3		
Mountain Creek	OC	1860	1 — 3	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	16	2	15	325	149	474	1	12		
Mt. Zion	V	1840	2 — 4	Ronald Hicks, Oxford	3	3	8	229	68	297	1	6		Yes
Olive Grove	OC		1 — 3		5	0	9	135	130	265	1			
Oxford	C	1848	Every	M. L. Banister, Oxford	62	46	64	905	411	1316	1	62		
Peace's Chapel	OC	1887	2 — 4	E. G. Usry, Oxford	19	7	18	258	106	364	1			
Pleasant Grove	OC	1858	1 — 3	E. L. Kincaid, Durham	6	3	5	167	33	200				
Poplar Creek	OC	1863	1 — 3				3			92	1	2		
Providence	V	1907	2 — 4	W. Isaac Terrell, Oxford	10	5	1	251	50	301	1	22		
Rock Spring	OC	1880	2 — 4	J. L. W. Moose, Durham	12		7	119	194	313	1	3		
Sharon	OC	1896	1 — 3	Norman Hicks, Oxford			4	197	30	227	1	3	Yes	
Stovall	V		2 — 3	W. Shelley Caudle, Stovall	11	12	16	593	118	711	1	48	Yes	
Tabb's Creek	OC	1906	1 — 3	C. A. Upchurch, Raleigh	7	5	5	115	90	205	1			
Tally Ho	OC		3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	3	1	13	151	84	235	1			
West Oxford	C	1912	1 — 3	E. G. Usry, Oxford	12	3	8	229	61	290		2		
				Totals	290	148	269	5388	2314	9049	29	286	4	3

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. James Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	40	5	9	9	22	85	25	
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1	1		1	2	5	13	19		10	36	78	54	11
Corinth	Mrs. Edward Dorsey, Oxford, Rt. 2	1		1	1	1	4	27		13	11	17	68	12	3
Creedmoor	Mrs. A. O. Curl, Creedmoor	1	1	1		1	4	40	18	18		16	92	42	2
Dexter	Mrs. B. W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	15		9	7	10	41	22	10
Enon	Mrs. J. T. Yancey, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	52	12	16	26	24	130	91	32
Florence Ave.	Mrs. F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1		1	4	13	13	7		10	43	90	
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Conway Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1		1		1	3	34		13		25	72	45	6
Hester	Mrs. T. T. Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	48	30	29	32	33	172		
Island Creek	Mrs. C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	44	19	22	14	5	104	52	14
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Sam Pittard, Oxford, Rt. 2	1					1	21					21		3
Mountain Creek	Mrs. S. R. Murray, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	1				1	2	42				36	78	60	6
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lillian F. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	51	23	15	23	22	134	104	6
Olive Grove	Mrs. Ruby Brinkley, Northside, Rt. 1	1					1	12					12	12	
Oxford	Mrs. Reuben T. Green, Oxford	1	1	3	2	1	8	145	31	61	19	45	301	301	62
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Ernest Sneed, Kittrell, Rt. 2	1		1		1	3	16		14		18	48	15	
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	1					1	14					14	12	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. Louis Greenway, Henderson, Rt. 3	1					1	18					18		2
Providence	Mrs. James Hobgood, Oxford, Rt. 1	1		1	1	1	4	45		14	15	40	114	67	16
Rock Spring	Mrs. Fred Williams, Townsville,	1					1	24					24	10	3
Sharon	Mrs. John R. Williams, Oxford, Rt. 4	1		1	1	1	4	34		13	11	18	76	30	2
Stovall	Mrs. L. G. Puckett, Stovall	2	1	1	2	1	7	48	20	20	21	35	144	55	32
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. Shields Parham, Oxford	1		1	1	1	4	25		10	9	9	53	38	
Tally Ho	Mrs. J. A. Newton, Stem	1					1	28					28	28	
West Oxford	Mrs. E. G. Usry, Oxford	1					1	18					18	15	3
	Totals	26	10	18	15	19	88	867	190	283	207	421	1968	1180	213

CHURCHES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year
Amis Chapel			$	$20,000.00	$	$	$
Brassfield				10,000.00			50.00
Bullock							
Concord				3,000.00			
Corinth				5,000.00		100.00	100.00
Creedmoor				3,000.00			
Dexter							
Enon			4,500.00	35,000.00			
Fellowship				10,000.00			
Florence Ave.			6,000.00	10,000.00		125.00	75.00
Grassy Creek			1,700.00	20,000.00			
Hester			15,000.00	40,000.00			
Island Creek			2,500.00	6,500.00		600.00	180.00
Knott's Grove			800.00	4,800.00			
Mountain Creek			2,500.00	12,500.00			
Mt. Zion			4,200.00	41,200.00		250.00	
Olive Grove				14,000.00			
Oxford*	65	10	12,000.00	152,000.00			
Peace's Chapel							
Pleasant Grove							
Poplar Creek							
Providence			1,650.00	24,925.00			
Rock Spring				30,800.00			
Sharon				3,200.00			
Stovall			2,500.00	42,500.00		1,080.00	186.00
Tabb's Creek				2,000.00			
Tally Ho				2,000.00			
West Oxford				15,000.00			100.00
Totals	65	10	$53,350.00	507,425.00		$2,155.00	$691.00

*W. T. Yancey, Oxford

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Number of Mission Sunday Schools	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Amis Chapel	G. T. Pittard, Nelson, Va.				13	11	15	27	49	62		2	179	110	. 70	68
Brassfield	Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1						22		10	23			55	38	46	39
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock			7	8	17	25	17	31	33			138	89	103	87
Concord	James L. Jolly, Creedmoor			2		5	5	3	10	10		5	40	20	23	17
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2				20		10	18	20	26			94	40	70	63
Creedmoor	J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor				25	22	30	25	32	33		3	170	140	98	90
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5			6	3	9	9	6	12	40			85	55	56	45
Enon	Dr. James F. Pruitt, Oxford		10		12	12	26	42	84	79	20	8	293	142	75	71
Fellowship			7		12	18	20	30	21	33			141	98	83	69
Florence Ave.	F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.				10	9	14	14	22	23		6	98	58	50	45
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.			12	15	15	27	43	40	63			215	151		86
Hester	F. R. Barlowe, Oxford				22	18	26	38	52	178		5	339	212	128	124
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson				26	25	37	48	102	77	12		327	123	97	83
Knott's Grove	Sidney F. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 2												45	29	53	49
Mountain Creek	R. L. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4			6	13	15	27	31	46	96		4	238	105	122	87
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1				12	18	17	35	44	70			196	108	155	135
Olive Grove	J. M. Emory, Northside, Rt. 1				16	10	10	15	52	16		2	121	69	58	54
Oxford	R. M. Ray, Jr., Oxford		1	48	46	60	83	97	159	142	40	3	638	390	143	137
Peace's Chapel	Clifton Walters, Oxford, Rt. 3		6	9	9	11	15	40	20	50			160	91	71	62
Pleasant Grove	R. Lee Smith, Creedmoor				10		10	20	25	27			92	60		
Poplar Creek	M. C. Boyd, Henderson, Rt. 3				4	4	6	8	5	10			37	23	35	33
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2				34	22	34	30	72	39			231		208	194
Rock Spring	Russell Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5				6	8	8	8		35		4	65	52	65	60
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4		30		5	7	13	19	13	57			144	60	92	86
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall				36	26	36	48	38	128		6	318	160	114	102
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5	1			15	6	9	11	14	28		10	93	56	63	56
Tally Ho	V. E. Duncan, Stem												70	25	40	35
West Oxford	J. H. Crumpler, Oxford			13	14	24	26	25	74	75	12	7	270	140	76	64
	Totals	1	54	103	386	372	560	698	1047	1453	84	65	4892	97.78	2194	75.59

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Number of Story Hours	Number of Junior Unions	Number of Intermediate Unions	Number of Young Peoples Unions	Number of Adult Unions	Grand Total Unions	Story Hour Enrolled	Junior Enrolled	Intermediate Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adult Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Youth Week	Christian Home Week
Bullock	Jack Campbell, Bullock	2	1	1		1	5	11	20	7		27		65	37	Yes	Yes
Florence Ave.	Mrs. R. E. Rice, Virgilina, Va.	1	1			1	3	8	14			22	3	47	38		
Grassy Creek	Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	18	16	12	10	23	5	84	66		
Island Creek	Edward Woody, Henderson, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	9	20	32	20	32	10	123	48		
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Leslie Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	14	23	20	14	10		81	43		
Oxford	J. B. Haney, Oxford			1	1		2			32	12		4	48	15		
Peace's Chapel	George Gresham, Kittrell, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	8	15	14	5	5		47			
Providence	Mrs. Flora Mann, Oxford, Rt. 2			1	1		2			25	10			35	25		
Rock Spring	Mrs. Whitt Campbell	1	1	1		1	4	12	11	14		26		63			
Stovall	Mrs. Marrow Stovall, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	2	6	11	15	15	9	30	4	84	50		
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. Roy Belcher, Oxford, Rt. 3			1	1	1	3			12	15	5		32	25		
West Oxford	S. E. Beasley, Oxford, Rt. 3		1	1	1		3		12	18	18		5	53	17		
	Totals	9	9	11	9	10	48	91	146	201	113	180	31	762	36.75		

CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Pastor's Salary Paid for Year	Other Salaries	Maintenance Church Property	New Buildings	Literature, Song Books, etc.	Local Mission and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply
Amis Chapel	Roy Frazier, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	$ 540.00	$ 150.00	$ 145.00	$	$ 111.00	$ 175.00	$ 108.00
Brassfield	Mrs. E. L. Veasey, Franklinton, Rt. 1	620.00	50.00	35.00				55.00
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	900.00	331.56	654.59		408.24	405.47	175.71
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	300.00		57.77		34.34	22.90	85.00
Corinth	Milton Blackley, Oxford, Rt. 2	400.00	96.00			67.75		115.00
Creedmoor	Mrs. Katie L. Fleming, Creedmoor	1,500.00	360.00	68.61	120.00	123.74	27.30	153.25
Dexter	I. T. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5	360.00	52.00	10.00		109.88	31.28	115.00
Enon	S. T. Knott, Oxford	1,800.00	240.00	350.00		234.52	297.70	175.00
Fellowship		600.00	100.00	185.39	116.33	255.05		175.00
Florence Ave.	R. E. Chandler, Virgilina, Va.	600.00	52.00	30.00	1,350.00	210.00		150.00
Grassy Creek	C. C. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.	972.00	279.00	148.00		427.50	104.45	140.00
Hester	Joe R. Pruitt, Oxford	2,047.90	300.00	740.94	4,125.00	252.58	215.12	209.00
Island Creek	G. B. Shotwell, Henderson, Rt. 5	1,000.00	200.00	216.25	23,715.75	537.71	111.08	244.65
Knott's Grove	Fielding Knott, Oxford, Rt. 2	400.00	49.00	893.18		87.14	123.32	137.02
Mountain Creek	D. A. Parham, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,187.00	187.00	4,301.65		149.86	93.00	255.86
Mt. Zion	Archie Wilkins, Rougemont, Rt. 1	940.00	10.00	484.00	25,000.00	71.00	100.00	178.00
Olive Grove	P. S. Horton, Northside	856.94	120.00	158.51		182.11	41.07	138.30
Oxford	M. S. Currin, Oxford	4,300.00	3,360.00	1,648.00		1,128.00		534.00
Peace's Chapel	James Bennett, Kittrell, Rt. 2	450.00	48.00	410.47		213.72	61.00	287.79
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	600.00		85.00	4,200.00	40.60		152.00
Poplar Creek	J. M. Capps, Henderson, Rt. 4	500.00		28.00		45.85		58.00
Providence	C. H. Piper, Oxford, Rt. 2	941.00	170.00	381.67	20,775.13	275.13		191.46
Rock Spring	G. T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5	1,080.00		469.50	800.00			160.00
Sharon	W. R. Sherman, Oxford, Rt. 1	600.00	36.00			60.47		87.00
Stovall	H. L. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1,800.00	400.00	700.00	3,668.44	400.00	558.12	280.00
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5	540.00	38.00	5.75		84.78	15.00	100.00
Tally Ho	F. C. Wilkins, Stem	400.00	60.00	5.00		161.96		86.55
West Oxford	D. F. Lanier, Oxford	725.00	109.86	182.60	2,789.05	143.19	103.50	100.00
	Totals	$26,959.84	$6,798.42	$12,394.88	$86,659.70	$5,816.12	$2,485.31	$4,646.59

URCHES SSES	Co-operative Program (or Unified Budget)	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries	Orphanage, Total Gifts	Designated to Hospitals	Relief and Annuity; Other Objects	Total Gifts for Missions	Grand Total for All Purposes (Add Line 67 and Line 77)
a., Rt. 2	$ 129.00	$ 96.00		$ 3.00	$ 5.00		$ 287.00	$ 40.00	$	$ 560.00	$ 1,823.00
oor, Rt. 1	197.86	50.00					122.87	27.69	8.40	406.82	1,216.82
	420.45	104.00	147.40	71.00	296.30	150.00	587.21	50.00	36.00	1,862.36	5,336.51
	6.33		10.00				35.00	17.15		68.48	585.64
ll, Rt. 2	93.06	111.00	46.55	20.50	25.31		26.00	67.65	87.00	477.07	1,155.82
edmoor	218.13	35.00	17.40	4.45	39.40	251.17	22.08			587.63	3,180.53
Henderson Rt. 3	82.48	94.00	16.03	176.39	20.42					389.32	1,086.35
1	1,273.05	211.00	203.49	212.86	338.21	125.15	536.15	80.00	71.00	3,050.91	7,198.63
noor	172.05			87.57	274.42		181.28	45.31		760.63	2,342.78
a.	113.10	56.50	30.00	31.05	38.00		135.00	30.00	24.00	457.65	2,959.65
Va.	800.00	177.00	65.38	17.35	1,040.00	6.20	302.94	28.45		2,437.32	4,571.22
d Rt. 1	2,206.74	280.00	200.00	275.00	380.00	690.00	599.07	131.00	211.63	4,973.44	13,676.48
son, Rt. 3	600.00	180.00	84.75	88.56	123.64	300.00	281.29	82.05	53.00	1,793.29	28,076.76
2	415.65	106.25	4.10	15.07	31.25		103.80	50.06	39.57	765.75	2,497.91
4	1,855.75	227.00	116.14	17.95	20.00	32.39	451.37	115.46	70.49	2,906.55	9,405.31
Oxford, Rt. 1	232.29		9.20	18.40	15.25	9.25	222.51	58.50	58.88	624.28	27,554.94
or	128.03	53.00	96.00	65.00	11.86		53.50	44.35	26.60	478.34	2,014.06
rd	6,363.78	542.00	236.83	560.73	710.61	2,711.00	840.00	1,236.00	559.05	13,760.00	25,630.00
t. 2	66.54	140.00					131.37	30.50		368.41	1,964.62
reedmoor	50.00	75.00	15.00	22.50	17.00		62.00	24.50		266.00	5,353.20
derson, Rt. 4	74.00		9.65	9.85	23.50		25.00	20.00	25.94	187.94	852.86
t. 2	411.82	144.00	37.67	33.91	105.92	30.80	108.00	7.01	15.50	894.63	23,774.23
ville	180.07	125.97					140.00	9.53		455.57	4,665.07
, Va., Rt. 2	384.88		92.43				214.00	20.20	289.69	1,001.20	1,888.36
Rt. 4	1,118.35	186.00	124.15	99.01	127.20	200.00	230.00	50.00	74.00	2,208.71	10,728.96
t. 3	74.75	73.00	42.36	11.04	26.86		90.00	29.00		347.01	1,165.30
t. 1	21.00		11.24	3.25	3.25		21.00	29.07		88.81	812.95
d, Rt. 3	105.00	88.00	46.18	13.00	27.92		160.00	88.50	28.80	557.40	4,710.60
	$19,784.16	$3,154.72	$1,661.95	$1,857.44	$3,701.32	$4,505.96	$5,958.44	$2,411.98	$1,679.55	$42,725.52	$196,208.00

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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual meeting of the Association and shall be received into fellowship of the Association upon a majority vote of the messengers present.

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least

once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member from each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak, but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

Banister, M. L.
Blanchard, John R.
Caudle, W. S.
Creamer, Boyce H.
Gardner, Robert
Greene, E. W.
Hicks, Norman
Hicks, Ronald D.
Hodge, Ray K.
Hoover, E. U.
Moose, J. L. W.
Norris, C. H.
Pittard, W. B., Jr.
Turner, Warren
Upchurch, C. A.
Usry, E. G.
Williams, Roger E., Jr.
Woody, John

MESSENGERS—1950 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—G. W. Yancey, James Elliott, Mrs. W. E. Cannady.
BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, Garland Catlette.
BULLOCK—Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Jack Morgan, W. L. Walker.
CONCORD—James L. Jolly, Mrs. Harvey Goss, Miss Annie Goss, Mrs. James L. Jolly.
CORINTH—Wallace Brummitt, Mrs. Thomas Crews, Walter Gordon, Mrs. Raymond Currin, Mrs. Lynwood Currin, Mrs. Frank Averette.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Carl Mangum, Mrs. Aubrey Wheeler.
DEXTER—

ENON—R. T. Critcher, Mrs. Lillian Critcher, Mrs. Crudup Hobgood, Mrs. Irvin Yancey.

FELLOWSHIP—Alvis Whitaker.

FLORENCE AVE.—Mrs. R. E. Chandler, Mrs. F. E. Winfree, Miss Bettie Royster, R. E. Amis, Walter Averette, Woodrow Ellixson.

FRANKLINTON—P. P. Purnell, J. O. Purnell, O. G. Day, Mrs. J. O. Mitchell.

GRASSY CREEK—J. A. Timberlake, Mrs. J. A. Timberlake, C. R. Yancey, Mrs. C. D. Winston, Jack Yancey.

HESTER—F. R. Barlowe, Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, Mrs. Floyd Howard, Mrs. Emmett Adcock, Mrs. Sollie Adcock, Mrs. Jimmie Adcock, N. F. Hobgood.

ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. C. S. Tippett, Sr., Mrs. L. J. Shanks, Mrs. S. E. Wilson, G. W. Norwood, L. J. Shanks.

KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. W. W. Crews, Mrs. William Dean, Mrs. K. H. Hughes, Mrs. Fielding Knott.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—R. L. Eakes, Mrs. David Blackwell, Mrs. John Woods.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Luther Franklin, Mrs. Graham Daniel.

OLIVE GROVE—

OXFORD—Mrs. Reuben Greene, Mrs. M. L. Banister, Roy Beard.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—Lee Gresham, Ed Sims, L. B. Newton.

PLEASANT GROVE—Ollie Milton, Mrs. Elbert Averette, Mrs. W. H. Fuller, Mrs. Ollie Milton, Mrs. Albert Lawrence.

POPULAR CREEK—Mrs. E. L. Raynor, Mrs. I. W. Nutt, Mrs. E. C. Brewer, Mrs. I. D. Hart.

PROVIDENCE—C. H. Piper, Mrs. James Hobgood, Mrs. W. R. Mann, Miss Ruby Jackson, Miss Lila Piper.

ROCK SPRING—Mrs. H. H. Greene.

SHARON—H. T. Sherman, Spurgeon Denny, James Gillis, James Laws.

STOVALL—George Frazier, L. I. Currin, Howard Wilson, Mrs. H. T. Gill, Dewey Satterwhite, H. T. Gill, Mrs. L. I. Currin.

TABBS CREEK—N. G. Blackwell, Oscar Oakes, Mrs. Oscar Oakes, Mrs. Roy Belcher, Mrs. N. G. Blackwell.

TALLY HO—

WEST OXFORD—D. F. Lanier, Mrs. D. F. Lanier, D. G. Thomerson, Mrs. W. H. Long, Mrs. J. B. Yeargin.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Enon Church, October 10, 10:00 A. M.

Rev. M. L. Banister, Moderator, called the Association to order.

Devotional was lead by Rev. John R. Blanchard.

Hymn—"Lead On Oh King Eternal".

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MISSIONS

The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Fred Phipps, Association Superintendent.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

As we look back over the year 1949, we pause in grateful praise to our Father for the blessings of the year, thanking Him for faithful workers and for each increase made.

We began our year with a leadership conference. This gave us plans and inspirations for the years work. Though we did many good things for the Lord during the year, we did not fulfill all our dreams. We still have many unenlisted women and young people who need to be drawn into the great missionary task.

The Annual Meeting was held at Amis Chapel Church, with twenty-four Churches represented. We were fortunate in having Mrs. D. F. Stamps and Miss Laura Frances Snow as our guests. They were challenging in their messages, and many agreed that it was the best program we had ever had.

We welcome three new officers:

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Associate Superintendent
Mrs. George Winston, Literature Chairman
Mrs. T. O. Mullins, Stewardship Chairman

In twenty-seven Churches in the Association, we have a total of 161 W.M.U.

Organizations, with a membership of 2128. Tithers 312; Mission Study Classes 158. Every member of each of the following Societies read a Mission Study book; Olive Grove, Hester, Bullock, Dexter and Stovall.

We have 1009 members engaged in Community Missions. There are 958 subscriptions to W. M. U. Missionary periodicals and the Biblical Recorder.

We are justly proud of our two A-1 Unions, Hester and Oxford, First. Total gifts for all objects—$11,988.08.

The closeness of life in today's world forces upon us a consciousness of the ideas and actions of the peoples of the many nations. No longer can we live oblivious to the beliefs, habits and living conditions of our neighbors, whether they live next door, in another community, or across the ocean. As Christians, we believe that Christ is the way of life, both in this world and in the world to come, and that He has given to His followers the responsibility of bringing into His presence the peoples of the world.

A great missions professor once said; "Missions is the greatest work of man, the greatest need of the world, the greatest aid to civilization, the greatest hope of the future, the greatest desire of God. Make missions a Major." This is the aim of the Woman's Missionary Union of Flat River, as we let "His light shine upon them that sit in darkness."

Mrs. Fred A. Phipps
Superintendent

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The report on State Missions was read by Rev. J. L. W. Moose, in absence of the author.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Almost every Baptist church in North Carolina has received aid, in one way or another, through the State Missions program of our State Convention. This program is in vital touch with almost every phase of Baptist life in the State. The great objective of State Missions is to take North Carolina for Christ.

To reach this objective the State Missions program promotes nineteen different activities. Here is a picture of these activities:

S Sunday School Work
T Training Union Work
A Summer Assemblies
T Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio, etc.)
E Evangelism (City and Association-wide revivals)

M New and Needy Churches
I Work among the Indians
S Schools for Ministers
S Work among Silent People
I Inter-racial activities
O Other Activities—Including Allied Church League, Rural Work.
N Neglected Areas (Lots for New Churches)
S Student Work among 15,000 Baptist Students

How is this great program supported? State Missions receives 13¢ out of the total gifts through the Cooperative Program. In addition to that some money is received through the Sunday School Board to promote the departments of Sunday School, Training Union, and Student Work. Then the Woman's Missionary Union makes a special offering in September. Then October is State Missions Month. During that month, and particularly on the last two Sundays the people are asked to make a special offering through the Sunday Schools and churches for all these activities.

George Wilson

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The report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. John R. Williams.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We are sure that our people will rejoice to know that the report of the Home Mission Board magnifies the fruits of evangelism. The year of evangelism reported by Southern Baptist showing 334,862 baptisms brings joy to all Southern Baptist. The Department of Evangelism has occasion for special rejoicing both in fruits already reported and in evangelistic crusades being consumated in the greatest effort for evangelism made by any religious body.

During the year reports showed that 165 new churhes were established and 577 new missions opened. Most of the new Missions will grow into churches, fifty new buildings were either completed or were under construction. Fifty-four pieces of home mission property were improved. Appropriations for building projects during the year amounted to $751,896.85.

A total of 779 regular missionaries served the Home Mission Board during the year and 251 summer student workers gave two weeks of Mission service, making a grand total of 1,030 workers, Missionaries delivered 81,039 sermons and addresses, taught 22,987 classes, conducted 1,817 revivals, distributed 57,419 Bibles and Gospels and made 258,818 religious visits. They worked in 1,541 Vacation Bible schools. There were 44 kindergartens in operation. Millions of pages of tracts and free literature have been distributed.

Mrs. John Roy Williams

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The report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. Norman Hicks, in absence of the author.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

According to the report gathered by the Foreign Mission Board, the Southern Baptist now have 753 missionaries in active service. Of this number, 67 were appointed in 1949 and fifty more during the first four months of 1950. These are now serving in 24 countries and thirty geographical areas.

New areas have opened in Coracas, Venezuela, Ecuador, Korea and Formosa. Meanwhile new schools and missions have been established in the Philippines,

Thailand, Switzerland and in all ports of Latin America. These missionaries have built the first Baptist Church in Formosa and a new hospital in Paraguay. By the purchase of two planes, more work is done and much time saved in the Brazil area.

With the report from China not complete there is an estimate of approximately 15,000 baptisms for 1949. As we go forward in our mission endeavor the goal of 1750 missionaries, with an annual budget of $10,000,000 is still far away. Even now there is a request for 241 missionaries. Who will go? Or who will you send? The Scriptures are being printed in 1,068 languages, but we must deliver the word and give instructions. Also much medical care is needed.

Exclusive of $120,354.15 for world relief, the Foreign Mission Board's total receipts for 1949 were $5,319,261.04. This represents an increase of $465,313.77 over last year. However, the world relief funds showed a 50 per cent decrease.

Nat Brummitt

After singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" these reports were discussed as a whole by Dr. M. A. Huggins, and adopted.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The Moderator recognized the following new Pastors, Rev. Warren Turner, Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr., Rev. John R. Blanchard, and Rev. E. U. Hoover. Also Mr. C. W. Bazemore, Rev. G. Van Stephens and Mrs. Stephens, and Rev. John T. Biddle, former Asso. Missionary. The Executive Committee recommended the reception of Franklinton Church into the Association. This was voted on and unanimously carried. The Pastor and Messengers were then officially welcomed by the Moderator.

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The report of Committee on Committees was read by Mr. Elbert Wilson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Christian Education ---------- W. B. Jones
Christian Citizenship ---------- F. H. Hicks
Cooperative Program ---------- Herman W. Currin
Baptist Hospital ---------- Mrs. Reuben Greene
Orphanage ---------- Mrs. Calvin Critcher
Religious Literature ---------- Mrs. Elbert Averette
State Missions ---------- Mrs. Sterling Carrington
Home Missions ---------- Badger Hicks
Foreign Missions ---------- Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Jr.
Relief and Annuity ---------- Jasper W. Dean
Committee on Time, Place and Preacher ---------- Mrs. C. D. Winston, Ollie Milton, G. W. Watkins.

Committee on Nominations_____Rev. Ronald E. Rice, Rev. Norman Hicks
Committee on Resolutions_____Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Sr., Mrs. F. G. Adcock

Elbert Wilson, Committee

On motion of Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., seconded by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks, the Association voted to sponsor a thirty minute Radio Program each Sunday morning at 8:30 A. M. and a free will offering was taken to help with the expense of same.

The Annual Sermon preached by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn. "Take Time To Be Holy"

Devotional was lead by Rev. John Moody.

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ORGANIZATION

On motion Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. was elected Moderator, Sam L. Knott, Vice-Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk, and D. F. Lanier, Treasurer.

The Clerk casting the ballot of the Association for the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Treasurer and Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. casting the ballot for the Clerk.

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The report of the Asso. Missionary, Rev. Ronald E. Rice was read by him and after discussion was adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

September 1—October 9, 1950

This Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association finds your Associational Missionary closing just a little more than five weeks of service. Part of this time has been used simply in moving or getting acquainted with the people and the work.

We have been privileged, however, to hold some services in the churches making progress toward the accomplishment of the task before us.

We give herewith a brief report of our efforts thus far:

Churches Visited—12
Sermons Preached—6
Prayer Meetings—1
Film Slides—1
W.M.U. Study Courses—1
Radio Programs—7
Other Addresses—3
T.U. Mass Meetings—1
Rural Church Development program—1
Sunday School Divisional Meeting—1
Total Meetings attended or conducted—34

As to the future, we are making plans toward the promotion of the entire associational program, and our outreach to a needy world through our State and Southwide channels for Kingdom service.

Ronald E. Rice
Associational Missionary

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The report of the Executive Committee was read by the Chairman, Rev. W. S. Caudle, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has tried to faithfully serve the Association since its last session. It has met quarterly. As we look back over the year, we note several important events. The Simultaneous Rural Church survey proved most helpful to many of the churches in the Association. The influence of the visiting ministers who came to help us will be felt for many years to come.

In keeping with our constitution, the Franklinton Baptist Church made application for membership into our Association more than six months ago and has been under watchcare and observation. Under the faithful leadership of her Pastor, W. B. Pittard, the Franklinton church has proven her faithfulness in attendance of all meetings and has contributed to our work efforts, enthusiasm and money. The Executive Committee recommends most heartedly that they be received into full fellowship of the Association.

Our associational missionary, Rev. John T. Biddle, resigned to take the work of associational missionary in the Columbus Association. He began his work there July 1. We commend him to the brethren of Columbus and pray that their ministry shall be fruitful. After prayerful study of our Associational program, the Executive Committee voted to continue with our associational program. A committee was appointed with Rev. Roger E. Williams as chairman, to seek God's man to serve as our Associational Missionary. This committee was led to one of our own Pastors, Rev. Ronald E. Rice, who was called unanimously by the committee. Brother Rice accepted and has entered into the work with much foresight and enthusiasm. We feel that his coming has strengthened our work and shall prove to be a faithful ministry.

The question has been asked, "Does the associational program pay?" "Should we have an associational missionary?" Perhaps the best way to answer these questions is through a comparative digest of our work the first year that we had such a program with that of last year (1949).

	1947	1949
No. Training Unions	6	12
Training Union enrollment	384	762
Vacation Bible Schools	7	27
Vacation Bible School enrollment	795	2194
Full-time churches	1	3
Resident Pastors	5	9
Baptisms	247	290
W. M. U. Enrollment	1913	1968
W. M. U. Study Class Enrollment	962	1180
Local gifts	$82,142.27	$153,482.54
Mission and Benevolence gifts	$33,363.79	$ 42,725.52

W. S. Caudle

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The report of the Treasurer and Auditor was read by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 10, 1949	$ 529.26
Received from Churches on regular budget	3,316.73
Received from Churches on Radio	39.00
Received from Churches on Rural Survey	781.93
Received from State Baptist Convention	1,000.00
Received from Miscellaneous	313.93
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	$5,980.85
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Items in the general budget	$4,080.02
Rural Survey (Expense and Honorarium)	781.93
Radio—Baptist Hour	78.88
Miscellaneous	255.67
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$5,196.50
BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30	$ 784.35

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OUTSTANDING CHECKS	100.62
PAID ON MISSIONARY SALARY AND RENT FOR OCTOBER	300.00
	400.62
BALANCE OCTOBER 6, 1950	$ 383.73

Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Treasurer

The proposed Budget for the Asso. Program 1950-1951 was presented by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. and adopted.

A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRAM 1950-51

Missionary's Salary	$1,800.00
House Rent	600.00
Office Rent	120.00
Office Phone	75.00
Travel Expense	400.00
Bulletins and Mailing	100.00
Relief and Annuity	120.00
Convention Expense	125.00
Associational Clerk	60.00
Associational Treasurer	60.00
Printing Minutes and Mailing	150.00
Training Union	50.00
W. M. U.	50.00
Sunday School	50.00
Incidentals	100.00
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE SECURED BY THE ASSOCIATION	$3,860.00
Convention Supplement for Missionary's salary	1,200.00
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	$5,060.00

Glenn Daniel
Roger E. Williams, Jr.

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The report on Religious Literature was read by Rev. John R. Blanchard in absence of the author, discussed by Mr. C. W. Bazemore of the Biblical Recorder Staff, then adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We live in an age far-separated from the time when printing was so scarce that there was only one Bible in a community and that Bible was chained to the pulpit of the village Church. Few homes are without at least one copy of the Holy Scriptures. In the Providence of God, the distribution of the Bible has been one of the greatest miracles in History. The Bible is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway.

There is an abundance of literature which does more harm than good, but there is also an abundance of good literature which has a refining influence on the minds and hearts of those who read it. There are our Baptist Publication of our Mission Boards which inform us about our Mission efforts. The COMMISSION is the organ of our Foreign Mission Board. Then there is the Home Mission Magazine. The Various Sunday School and Training Union publications, besides other valuable helps printed by our Boards.

There is CHARITY AND CHILDREN published weekly by our Baptist Orphanages. It presents a wide field of reading.

There is the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the North Carolina Baptist paper printed every week. The present circulation is around 42,000. The size of the paper has been enlarged recently to a 24 page paper. Rev. C. W. Bazemore has been added to the staff—his responsibility is circulation of the paper. There are 300 churches receiving the Recorder on the every family plan—with the paper in the Church Budget. There are 800 churches with Recorder Clubs.

We would urge every pastor in Flat River Association and in N. C. to promote in each local Church a Crusade for the advancement of reading the Bible and Religious literature.

Mrs. H. R. Sanderford

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The report on Cooperation Program was read by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks in absence of the author. After discussion was adopted.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Last year Southern Baptists recorded an increase in stewardship and giving. Their total gifts through the churches were 14.6% higher than the preceding year. Gifts to missionary and benevolent causes increased 2.3%, or about one sixth as much as the increase in total gifts. We rejoice in the growth in support of the local church program, and the erection of needed new buildings. We would call attention, however, to a trend to increase those things at the expense of growth in missionary and benevolent work. Faithful Christian stewardship would indicate the need to carefully watch this trend, and to do something to correct it.

The Cooperative Program is our Baptist plan for supporting all the work of the Kingdom as undertaken by Baptists. Through it "every member gives to everything." The humblest member in the smallest church in the remotest section of the country has an important part in the greatest work in the world —when he gives *through* the Cooperative Program.

Pastors say "TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION doubled our budget." This has proved true in a mission of fifty members as well as in a church of two thousand members. It has deepened the spiritual life of our church." "It has been a great aid to soul-winning in our church." Our own State Convention is actively promoting TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION in our state, urging that every church try it, and get the blessings from it. One may secure full information about TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION by writing to our State Secretary. We heartily commend TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION and urge its use.

We recommend that:

1. Every pastor lead his church to observe TITHERS ENLISTMENT VISITATION this fall, and that all our churches cooperate in its use.
2. Our people be urged to give more support to all our missionary and benevolent work through the Cooperative Program.
3. We seek to raise the level of giving and deepen the spiritual life of all our people through emphasis upon Christian stewardship and tithing.

Thomas Hobgood

Announcement by Rev. W. S. Caudle regarding the organization of a church at Tungsten Mines.

Hymn. "Have Thine Own Way"

Meditation by Miss Lila Piper.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. G. Van Stephens.

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SECOND DAY MORNING SESSION

This session was opened at Stovall Church with singing "Higher Ground"

Devotional was lead by Rev. Norman Hicks.

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The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

"Sunday Schools in Baptist churches today live and move and have their being in the churches. They are in the churches, of the churches, and for the churches." In terms of numbers enrolled, frequency of meetings, and church finances, the Sunday Schools of our denomination hold a strategic position. It is very fitting that on this program the "report on the Sunday School" should come first under the general heading *Christian Education,* for the bulk of Bible study for the average Baptist consists of instruction received at Sunday School.

When we consider, therefore, how important the Sunday School is, we become very alarmed to note that the Flat River Association has for a number of years ranked near the bottom of the list of more than seventy associations in North Carolina as regards Sunday School enrollment when compared with Church membership. In our own churches there are more than 5,000 members who are not enrolled in Sunday School; and we have no figures to accurately state the number of prospects not members of any church. Surely a great harvest awaits us; but, like any other harvest, it will not reap itself—we must go out and bring them in.

One of the most encouraging evidences that we may expect strong gains in Sunday School work in this area is the number of churches recently building more adequate class-room facilities. This has already been reflected in the net gain in enrollment of 672 for the present year. For these churches, lack of physical equipment need no longer stand in the way of Sunday School expansion, and we hope the day will not be far distant when every church will provide sufficiently for each age group.

"Take Your Family To Sunday School" is the theme for 1950-51, and in the light of present world conditions, we would urge every church to recognize its great value. Surely no other emphasis could be more important in our time, than that which we place upon the *Home* and the *Church.*

Roger E. Williams, Jr.

The report on Training Union work was read by Mrs. W. S. Caudle.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Training Union work in this Association has made some progress in the last year. In the last three years the Training Union work has been very encouraging. In 1947 there were five Training Unions and no Story Hour units. Last year we reported 11 Training with 8 Story Hour units. This year we are able to report 15 Training Unions with 11 Story Hour units.

While this report is very gratifying, it is not as good as we would like it to be. A church without a fully graded Union, is a crippled church. Here we train our church members for future leaders. Any pastor who has a wide-awake Training Union can always count on the members for places of leadership in other phases of church work. Therefore, it is vitally important that every church have a Training Union, and that it be supported by the pastor and deacons. Such a Training Union will live and thrive and bear much fruit. It is my earnest desire to see a Training Union in every one of the 29 churches in the Flat River Association in the near future.

Mrs. W. Shelly Caudle,
Training Union Director

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The report on Christian Education was read by Mr. Sam L. Knott.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptist in North Carolina have supported colleges since 1834, when Wake Forest College was first opened. We now have seven colleges with a total of 5,000 students. By actual count more than 4,000 of these students are members of Baptist Churches. The kind of leadership these students give in the future will be determined by what we do now for them. It is our opportunity and responsibility to contribute in every way possible to the support of each school.

Designated funds given in 1949 by this association for Christian education was $4,505.96. Our present membership is 9,049. This is less than 50¢ per member.

Recently General McArthur called upon the churches of America to send 300 missionaries and 10,000 copies of the Bible to Japan. What will we as Baptist do to supply this need? Our homes, churches, and Christian schools must provide men and women who can, by their leadership, vision and faith keep Christianity alive.

We as individual church members must feel the need to give moral and financial support.

Christian training cannot be over emphasized if we are to combat the evils of communism and other subversive activities, that would destroy our American way of life.

Sam L. Knott

The Moderator recognized a new pastor, Rev. Robert Gardner, also Dr. W. C. Reid of the Orphanage, Rev. Lloyd W. Teague, Rev. J. U. Teague, and Rev. W. C. Francis.

At this time a special offering was taken to support the Asso. Radio Program.

The above named reports were discussed as a whole by Dr. Hoyt Blackwell of Mars Hill College and Dr. Marc H. Lovelace of Wake Forest College, then adopted.

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The report on Orphanage was read by Mrs. Horace Hicks, discussed by Dr. W. C. Reid and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Last year was another glorious and wonderful year for our Orphanage. We gave $32,000.00 more than we spent, gave more than had ever been given in one year to carry on our work. On March 21 this year, the Co-Executors of the Robert M. Idol Estate turned over to the Orphanage $586,000.00 to be used in building a church at Mills Home, an Infirmary and a vocational building at the Orphanage. Plans are being made for these buildings to be started on this fall.

We cared for 781 children last year. The children's health was excellent and they did well in school; fourteen graduating from Mills Home and five from Kennedy Home. The pastor, John Walton, baptized 70 of our girls and boys.

Changes in Personnel are: General Superintendent, W. C. Reed; Mr. and Mrs. Smith will take over the work at Kennedy Home. He will be Superintendent and his wife will assist him. Mr. Riman Muth will be Treasurer.

Mr. J. Morse Grant was again elected editor of Charity and Children and has as his goal 50,000 copies of this valuable paper going out weekly into homes of our people.

With sixty-five years of history behind us, with a new Superintendent and a group of new workers coming to us, with faithful and experienced workers remaining with us, with scores and scores of homeless children calling to us, with thousands of generous hearts standing back of us, and with unfaltering faith in God, we face the future unafraid, feeling that unless war comes, our biggest and brightest days are ahead of us. Let us continue to pray for our Orphanage and give regularly and generously to it and thus help carry on the great work being done at both of our homes.

Mrs. Horace H. Hicks

The report on Baptist Hospital was read by Mrs. Reuben Greene, discussed by Dr. W. K. Magee and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its first patient on May 28, 1923. The present site of eleven acres is located in the Ardmore section of Winston Salem.

The hospital admits approximately 10,000 persons per year as bed patients and rendered a total of 90,259 days of patient care in 1949.

Receipts from the Mother's day offerings in 1949 totaled $128,939.23. A goal of $150,000 was set for 1950. Approximately half of the 9,702 bed patients admitted to the hospital in 1949 and all those seen in the outpatient clinics paid no doctors fee and were assisted by the Mother's day offering. Free service—amounting to $312,536.08, which was dispensed to patients in the hospital and the outpatient clinic, was made possible by individual contributions, welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment and, mainly through the Mother's Day offering.

The clinics which *form* the diagnostic center, *draw* patients from throughout the state, visits to the outpatient department numbered more than 46,000 in 1949, and the area of the hospital's service was thus extended to thousands of patients who could not be accommodated in the hospital.

Free hospitalization for regularly-ordained ministers and missionaries who devote their full time to the ministry is provided through the outpatient department. Such persons pay 50 per cent of the cost of private accommodations if they elect to enter as private patients. A flat 50 per cent discount is given on all work done for actual dependents of pastors and missionaries.

The convention in a called meeting in Charlotte on April 27, 1950 passed a resolution to raise $700,000. to build a new wing to the hospital. Mr. Huggins reports that we are making good progress.

Mrs. R. T. Greene

At this time the gavel was turned over to Mr. Thomas W. Allen, Vice-Moderator, who presided through the remainder of the morning session.

Hymn. "At The Cross"

Inspirational message by Rev. Robert Gardner, pastor of Brassfield Church. Dismissal prayer by Rev. W. S. Caudle.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymns "Must I Bear The Cross Alone", "Revive Us Again", and "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Francis.

The report on Christian Citizenship was read by Mr. Glenn Daniel, and following an address by Mayor Hugh Currin of Oxford, was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

The *Church* has a very definite place in developing Christian Citizens. Through the Training Union, W. M. U. and Sunday Schools our people are taught the qualities of christian character. We cannot overemphasize the importance of the various organizations of our church.

To be a Christian Citizen we are to abstain from alcoholic beverage in any of its forms. We know the facts on the alcohol problem are far from pleasant. What should we do in regard to this situation?

1. Urge enactment of laws which prescribe instruction in public schools on the effects of alcohol.
2. Urge candidates for public office to commit themselves on issues involving beverage alcohol.
3. Give your support to merchants who do not sell alcoholic beverages.
4. Through your own personal example of total *abstainance,* show that the non-alcoholic way of life is best. Demonstrate that it is not only smarter not to drink, it is the Christian's moral obligation to abstain.

Glenn Daniel

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The report on Ministerial Relief and Annunity was read by Mr. D. F. Lanier, and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY

The Relief and Annuity Board is to the Baptist Denomination a duty, a privilege, and a pleasure, which we recognize and highly esteem.

To make provision for the comforts of those who through sacrifice, and self denial, have lived and labored for our spiritual benefit. It is altogether appropriate and fitting that we provide for their material benefits when the infirmity of old age forbids their continuation in active service.

It is a duty because we are indebted to them for our moral, and spiritual benefits. The civilization enjoyed by us today is largely due to their noble influence, and efforts, toward our good and well being.

It also affords us a precious privilege which will mean the sharing with them of their final reward, (Matthew 10:41).

The Relief and Annuity Board operates a business. It is the Lords business, every letter that is written, every investment of funds that is made, every decision that is reached, every policy that is adopted, must be in harmony with the finest principles and ideals of sound business. Yet always in the spirit and for the sake of our Blessed Redeemer. We quote now from the 1950 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention,

> "The Record of the year just passed, would indicate that once again the favor of Almighty God rested upon the Board and its activities, as it sought through 1949, to transact the Lords business, indeed 1949 was the best year since the inauguration of the Board.

Active members at the end of 1949, was 18,812—an increase of 993 over the end of 1948.

Our denomination is supporting this Board today better than at any time in its history."

Let us do all in our power to provide comfort for our aged ministers. Our fathers served without any promise of old age security, whatsoever.

D. F. Lanier

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The report on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Mr. Ollie Milton, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October.
Place—Pleasant Grove 1st Day.
Amis Chapel 2nd Day.
Preacher—Rev. M. L. Banister.
Alternate—Rev. Ronald E. Rice.

Mrs. C. D. Winston
Ollie Milton
G. W. Watkins
Committee

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The report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Sr., and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

That we extend to Enon and Stovall Churches, our sincere appreciation for their warm welcome and bountiful hospitality. Our commendation to Rev. M. L. Banister, our Moderator, and the pastors of the hostess churches, Mr. Hicks of Enon and Mr. Caudle of Stovall.

We are indeed grateful for the inspiring messages brought to us by pastors and laymen in sermon and music throughout the soul-stirring and heart-searching program.

In view of the great need of the world today and our opportunity as laborers in God's Kingdom, that we in Flat River Association dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of Christ in our association, our State and to the uttermost parts of the world.

Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Sr.
Mrs. F. G. Adcock
Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Norman Hicks, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Auditor ---------- Melvin S. Currin
Asso. S. S. Supt. ---------- Harold O'Brien
Asso. T. U. Director ---------- Mrs. W. S. Caudle
Asso. W. M. U. President ---------- Mrs. Fred Phipps
Two Members at Large to serve on Executive Committee for a period of four years ---------- Dr. James F. Pruitt, Horace H. Hicks

Norman Hicks
Ronald E. Rice
Committee

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The report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. James Cozart.

OBITUARY REPORT

As we come to the close of our associational year, it seems fitting that we pause to honor our members who have passed on. Many of us have received much inspiration from the lives of these beloved people:

AMIS CHAPEL—Mr. Johnnie J. Humphries, Mr. Walter Jones.

BRASSFIELD—Mr. Ballard Bragg.

BULLOCK—Mrs. Tom Matthews, Miss Bernice Overby.

CONCORD—Mrs. Ida Nutt Vaughn, Mrs. Sarah B. Cash, Miss Ora Parrott.

CORINTH—Mr. Joseph L. Williams, Mr. J. C. Pittard, Mr. Jesse Currin, Mrs. Lessie M. Boyd.

CREEDMOOR—Mr. Luther Redman, Miss Maggie Wheelers.

DEXTER—Mr. Elvin Critcher.

ENON—Mr. Macon Hobgood, Mrs. Nannie Belle Eakes, Mrs. Mattie Currin.

FELLOWSHIP—Deacon L. T. O'Briant, Sr.

GRASSY CREEK—Mr. W. E. Yancey, Mrs. Frank Yancey, Mr. James Williamson, Mr. Young Sizemore.

HESTER—Mrs. Tom R. Currin, Mr. Taylor Currin, Mrs. E. G. Hobgood, Mr. J. R. Culbreth, Mrs. Etta Currin.

ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. Cora Daniel, Mrs. John Williamson, Mr. Norwood Dunn, Mrs. P. T. Harris, Mr. Charlie Ivey.

KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. W. C. Pittard.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mr. J. R. Daniel, Mr. Alfred Frazier, Mr. Alex Parham, Mrs. Lelia Murray, Mrs. R. T. Eakes, Mr. J. H. Garrett, Deacon D. W. Frazier.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Robert Sherman, Mr. Stedman Daniel.

OLIVE GROVE—Mrs. W. B. Connelly, Mrs. W. M. Brinkley, Mr. Charlie Forsythe.

OXFORD—Mr. Erastus Hobgood, Mr. E. G. Moss, Mr. L. T. Pitchford, Mrs. A. F. Morris, Mr. Gattis Frazier, Mr. Frank E. Llewellyn.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Elsie Dean Roth.

PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. J. W. Mangum.

POPLAR CREEK—Mr. Carl Parrott.

PROVIDENCE—Mr. Hubert Roberts, Mr. J. D. Wheeler, Mr. D. C. Overton, Mr. J. A. Satterwhite.

ROCK SPRING—Miss Mabel Riggan, Mrs. Bertha Moody, Mr. Lewis Guerrant.

SHARON—Mr. Horace Huff, Mrs. Roxie Evans.

STOVALL—Mrs. D. D. Wilson, Mrs. Tom Stovall, Mr. Luther R. Hart.

TABB'S CREEK—Mr. Frank P. Sherman.

TALLY HO—Deacon O. G. Clayton, Miss Hattie Longmire.

WEST OXFORD—Mrs. C. L. Saunders, Mr. Richard Oakley, Mr. L. L. Gresham, Mrs. Laura Hicks.

We as fellow Christians extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and ask God's blessings upon them.

Prayer by Mr. Henry Sparks.

Mrs. James Cozart, Committee

Hymn. "He Leadeth Me"

Evangelistic Message by Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr.

Closing prayer by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

The Association adjourned.

Rev. M. L. Banister, *Moderator*
Sam A. Howard, *Clerk*

Resolution on behalf of the Rev. W. Isaac Terrell.

RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE REVEREND W. ISAAC TERRELL

At a called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Flat River Baptist Association on July 16, 1950 the following resolutions were offered on behalf of the reverend W. Isaac Terrell, who is assuming the pastorate of the Mount Olive, N. C. Baptist Church on the first of September.

Be it Resolved:

First; That we express our profound gratitude to God and to brother Terrell for the service he has rendered as pastor of the Knott's Grove, Providence, Mountain Creek, and Grassy Creek Baptist Churches during his five years of ministry. He has been a wise leader, a loyal pastor, and a studious minister of the Word of God. His ministry has not been confined to his churches, but has expressed itself in the social, civic, and moral welfare of the entire Association. At the same time that we express our gratitude for his untiring services, we also express our sincere regret over the loss of his fellowship in our Association.

Second: That we commend the Mount Olive Baptist Church for thir Spirit-led selection of such a consecrated pastor and wise counsellor to lead them to higher realms of Christian living and Kingdom service; and that we join them in our prayers that his ministry will be most fruitful and that their fellowship together will be most pleasant.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist Church of Mount Olive, to brother Terrell, to the Clerk of the Flat River Association, and to the Oxford Public Ledger.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. Banister, Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. James Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1		1	1	4	43	13		10	36	102		8
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1	1		1	2	5	13	18		12	26	69	35	11
Concord	Mrs. Leon Coley, Creedmoor	1					1	12					12		
Corinth	Mrs. W. E. Dorsey, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	29	20	11	9	20	89	22	6
Creedmoor	Mrs. A. O. Curl, Creedmoor	2	1	1		1	5	40	20	12		14	86	50	5
Dexter	Mrs. Badger W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	15		11	5	10	41	20	8
Enon	Mrs. L. H. Knott, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	52	11	19	17	24	123	119	35
Florence Ave.	Mrs. F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.	1	1			1	3	17	10			12	39	60	
Franklinton	Mrs. Ruby Conella, Franklinton	1	1	1	1	1	5	80	16	24	18	30	168	150	12
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Conway Elliott, Virgilina, Va.	1		1			2	19		13			32	28	8
Hester	Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, Oxford	2	1	1	2	1	7	73	7	25	23	44	172	165	11
Island Creek	Mrs. C. C. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	45	17	25	15	20	122	93	24
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Sam Pittard, Oxford, Rt. 2	1					1	20					20	20	2
Mountain Creek	Mrs. S. R. Murray, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	1		1	1	1	4	48		17	13	35	113	110	19
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Graham Daniel, Rougemont, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	53	14	15	26	25	133	75	10
Olive Grove	Mrs. Ruby Brinkley, Northside	1						17					17	17	
Oxford	Mrs. Reuben Green, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	228	14	47	25	30	344		28
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Bernard Floyd, Oxford, Rt. 3	1		1		1	3	18		15		19	52	10	2
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	1					1	14					14	11	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. Louis Greenway, Henderson, Rt. 3	1					1	18					18	10	3
Providence	Mrs. James Hobgood, Oxford, Rt. 1	1		1	1	1	4	41		11	12	47	111	76	18
Rock Spring	Mrs. T. D. Reese, Henderson, Rt. 5	1					1	16					16		
Sharon	Mrs. J. R. Williams, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	36	10	13	11	16	86	70	4
Stovall	Mrs. L. G. Puckett, Stovall	2	1	2	2	1	8	49	25	28	25	34	161	72	35
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. S. S. Parham, Oxford	1		1	1	1	4	27		11	12	10	60	46	1
Tally Ho	Mrs. J. A. Newton, Stem	1					1	33					33	17	3
West Oxford	Mrs. W. H. Long, Oxford	1					1	18					18		
	Totals	30	13	17	17	19	95	1074	195	297	233	452	2251	1276	253

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Amis Chapel	John Bradshaw, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2			18	18	15	26	59	65		2		203	140	79	72
Brassfield	Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1			9			13	12	25				59	35		
Bullock	Edwin Woodard, Stovall		6	10	17	27	14	29	37				140	88	79	
Concord	James L. Jolly, Creedmoor		2	2	4	6		20	10		4		48	30	24	21
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2			10	21	17	14	18	50				130	70	51	49
Creedmoor	J. L. Rogers, Creedmoor			25	22	30	25	52	39		4		197	145	109	97
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5		2	4	3	16	4	15	44				88	56	75	62
Enon	C. F. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1	12		15	14	27	35	96	79		2		280	179	75	71
Fellowship	W. S. Hobgood, Creedmoor	7		12	18	20	31	21	29				138	97	98	93
Florence Ave.	F. E. Winfree, Virgilina, Va.			12	12	20		24	20		6		94	55	60	55
Franklinton	C. Ray Pruette, Franklinton		30	30	32	31	77	42	135		4		381	175	129	111
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.		12	15	15	27	36	36	63				204	143	75	67
Hester	F. R. Barlowe, Oxford	20		16	24	30	33	54	210				387	202	136	120
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson			33	24	35	46	59	109	15			321	155	119	101
Knott's Grove	Mrs. K. H. Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 2												58	33		
Mountain Creek	S. R. Murray, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2		8	16	22	42	40	30	98		4		260	125	90	75
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1			15	25	24	24	23	105				216	124	137	127
Olive Grove	J. M. Emory, Northside			23	13	8	18	55	15		2		134	76	73	68
Oxford	R. M. Ray, Jr., Oxford		31	56	60	86	112	93	208	40	3		689	396	150	
Peace's Chapel	L. B. Newton, Oxford, Rt. 2		6	12	20	13	40	24	50				165	102	60	56
Pleasant Grove	R. Lee Smith, Creedmoor			15		10	28	25	37				115	70	38	37
Poplar Creek	H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 4			7			10	12	8		3		40	30	35	30
Providence	G. O. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2		20	32	30	38	30	25	43		4		222	172	174	149
Rock Spring	Geo. T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5			5	9	10	9		35		4		72	50	60	
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4	27		6	8	13	20	14	58				146		93	86
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall			28	34	40	40	46	134		6		328	176	128	116
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5			7	11	12	14	15	24		10		93	54	76	69
Tally Ho	Edward Lee Clayton, Stem				14		16		40				70	35	36	30
West Oxford	J. H. Crumpler, Oxford		8	9	25	29	26	86	86	12	5		286	134	72	58
	Totals	66	125	442	495	626	781	985	1856	67	63		5564	112+	2331	77+

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	No. Years Present Pastor Has Served Church	Does Pastor Live On Church Field?
Amis Chapel	R	1855	2-4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	11	5	4	266	15	281	1	8		8	No
Brassfield	R	1823	1-3	Robert Gardner, 604 Cleveland St., Durham	1	2	1	77	11	88	1			0	No
Bullock	V		1-3	W. S. Caudle, Stovall	15	9	7	141	52	193	1	17	Yes	3	Yes
Concord	R	1782	2-4	B. H. Creamer, 1414 Yearby Ave., Durham	9	2	10	88	43	131	1			1	No
Corinth	R	1832	2-4	Norman Hicks, Oxford	8	1	7	106	86	192	1	7		1	Yes
Creedmoor	T	1895	Every	John R. Blanchard, Creedmoor	2	6	3	231	63	294	1	5		1	Yes
Dexter	R	1906	2-4	Ray Hodge, Youngsville	9	1	8	112	106	218	2	10		1	No
Enon	R	1875	1-3 a.m. 2-4 p.m.	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	11	12	17			390	1	35		1	Yes
Fellowship	R	1840	1-3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	15	1	6			228	1			2	No
Florence Ave.	V	1891	1-3	E. U. Hoover, Virgilina, Va.	6	12	5	63	85	148	1			0	Yes
Franklinton	T	1853	Every	W. B. Pittard, Jr., Franklinton	23	40	8	322	102	424	1	10		2	Yes
Grassy Creek	R	1754	2-4	Dennis Larkins, Oxford	9	1	13	226	242	468	2	8			Yes
Hester	R	1823	Every	Roger E. Williams, Jr., Oxford	21	26	19	502	37	539	1	37		1	Yes
Island Creek	R	1822	2-4	W. S. Caudle, Stovall	12	6	32	267	240	507	1	50		3½	Yes
Knott's Grove	R	1901	1-3	Clyde Melton, Oxford	7	2	8	85	48	133	1	2			Yes
Mountain Creek	R	1860	1-3	Dennis Larkins, Oxford	26	3	10	349	144	493	1	20			Yes
Mt. Zion	V	1840	2-4 a.m. 1-3 p.m.	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	22	12	12	253	64	317	1	20		1	Yes
Olive Grove	R		1-3 a.m. 2-4 p.m.	B. H. Creamer, 1414 Yearby Ave., Durham	19	3	11			276	1			1	No
Oxford	C	1848	Every	M. L. Banister, Oxford	42	31	6	924	374	1298	0	62		14	Yes
Peace's Chapel	R	1887	2-4	E. G. Usry, Oxford	9	13	13	258	106	364	1	2		36	Yes
Pleasant Grove	R	1858	2-4	Warren Turner, Wake Forest	4	2	7	156	40	196	1			0	No
Poplar Creek	R		2-4	Ray Hodge, Youngsville	3	6	2	91	10	101	1			1	No
Providence	V	1907	2-4	Clyde Melton, Oxford	22	13	11	292	50	342	2	18			Yes
Rock Spring	R	1886		J. L. W. Moose, 1730 Murray St., Durham	4		10	113	194	307	1	3		5	No
Sharon	R	1896	1-3	Norman Hicks, Oxford	7	3	8	199	30	229	1	5		1	Yes
Stovall	V	1886	2-3 a.m. 1-4 p.m.	W. S. Caudle, Stovall	15	5	22	591	118	709	1	45		3	Yes
Tabb's Creek	R	1906	1-3	C. A. Upchurch, 313 E. Lane St., Raleigh	4	1	3	106	100	206	1	1		12	No
Tally Ho	R		3-5	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	4	1	14			143	1			8	No
West Oxford	C	1910	Every	E. G. Usry, Oxford	29	11	12	257	61	318	1	2		40	Yes
				Totals	369	230	289	6075	2421	9533	31	367			

CHURCHES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year
Amis Chapel			$	$27,000.00	$	$
Brassfield						
Bullock				25,000.00	400.00	107.00
Concord				3,000.00		
Corinth				5,000.00	100.00	
Creedmoor						
Dexter						
Enon			4,500.00	40,000.00		
Fellowship						
Florence Ave.			6,000.00	10,000.00	150.00	75.00
Franklinton			5,000.00	45,000.00		
Grassy Creek			1,650.00	20,000.00		
Hester			17,000.00	50,000.00	1,750.00	280.00
Island Creek			2,500.00	150,000.00	600.00	180.00
Knott's Grove						
Mountain Creek			5,000.00	15,000.00		
Mt. Zion			4,200.00	75,000.00	200.00	140.00
Olive Grove				17,500.00		
Oxford*	55	8	12,000.00	152,000.00		
Peace's Chapel				10,000.00		
Pleasant Grove				10,000.00		75.00
Poplar Creek						
Providence						
Rock Spring						
Sharon				3,200.00		
Stovall			2,500.00	42,500.00		
Tabb's Creek				35,000.00		
Tally Ho						
West Oxford				15,000.00		150.00
Totals			$60,350.00	750,200.00	$ 3,200.00	$ 1,007.00

*A. I. Park, Oxford—President

TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	1		1	1	1		1	5	4		6	18	7		22		57	37
Creedmoor	Allen Cross, Creedmoor		1		2	1		1	5		5		30	16		14	5	70	52
Florence Ave.	Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.		1	1	1	1		1	5		4	5	12	8		16	6	51	30
Franklinton	W. A. Simmons, Franklinton		1		1	1	1		4		23		20	25	30		4	102	70
Grassy Creek	Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va.		1		1	1	1	1	5		10		7	10	6	12	5	50	45
Hester	Mrs. W. Frank Currin, Oxford		1	1	1	1	1	1	6		10	9	18	18	10	13	4	82	63
Island Creek	J. S. Tilley, Henderson			1	1	1	1	1	5			11	12	22	22	34		101	
Mountain Creek	Mrs. C. L. Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		1		1	1			3		12		22	18			2	54	32
Oxford	Thornton H. Yancey, Oxford				1	1			2				26	30			4	56	
Peace's Chapel	George Graham, Kittrell, Rt. 2	1			1	1		1	4	2			7	12		11		32	18
Providence	Mrs. Flora O. Mann, Oxford, Rt. 2					1	1		2					18	10			28	19
Stovall	T. G. Stovall, Stovall		1	1	1	1	1	2	7		5	8	21	16	8	27	5	90	56
West Oxford	Marshall Wilson, Oxford, Rt. 3				1	1	1		3				12	15	7			34	20
	Totals	2	7	5	13	13	7	9	56	6	69	39	205	215	93	149	35	807	40+

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions
Amis Chapel	S. A. Harris, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 1	$ 205.00	$ 48.00	$ 36.00		
Brassfield	Mrs. Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	253.81				
Bullock	F. E. Davis, Bullock	400.00	107.00	103.18	106.00	187.36
Concord	C. C. Currin, Northside	10.00	2.92			
Corinth	Mrs. Jesse Preddy, Oxford, Rt. 2	108.78	111.00	37.80	23.07	52.96
Creedmoor	Mrs. Joseph Hester, Creedmoor	225.44		7.25	14.00	34.30
Dexter	Miss Edna M. Roberson, Henderson, Rt. 3	64.77		27.70	26.55	19.20
Enon	Tyree Woody, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,332.56	201.00	210.00	225.00	324.56
Fellowship	Miss Alice Beck, Creedmoor	183.46	7.50	30.01	96.90	
Florence Ave.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	125.00	75.00	20.00	15.00	35.00
Franklinton	J. W. Wheelous, Franklinton, Box 194	540.28	152.00	25.78	35.25	64.95
Grassy Creek	C. D. Winston, Nelson, Va.	800.00	177.00	15.00	20.80	465.86
Hester	Raymond A. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,750.00	293.00	200.00	302.50	355.92
Island Creek	G. W. Norwood, Henderson, Rt. 3	600.00	180.00	84.75	87.20	156.71
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	459.15	86.00	3.40	16.00	37.50
Mountain Creek	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,875.42	280.00	58.81	16.93	63.13
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lillian F. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	110.30	140.73	173.37	21.50	27.76
Olive Grove	W. D. Emory, Creedmoor		100.00	43.07	50.49	29.56
Oxford	Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Oxford	6,745.30	25.00	422.10	571.30	594.68
Peace's Chapel	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, Rt. 2	80.00	140.00	81.00		
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	56.00	75.00	33.63	6.15	11.00
Poplar Creek	Mrs. E. L. Raynor, Henderson	63.25	84.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Providence	F. S. Jenkins, Oxford, Rt. 1	668.29	144.00	20.54	28.28	72.00
Rock Spring	Miss Jean H. Green, Manson	272.75	122.24	40.75	16.70	14.34
Sharon	R. S. Greenway, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	239.60		88.66	22.15	32.24
Stovall	Marrow Stovall, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,080.00	100.00	128.31	41.00	53.57
Tabb's Creek	D. C. Critcher, Oxford, Rt. 3	58.05	50.00	36.35	13.00	47.40
Tally Ho	Reuben Clayton, Stem	69.65	3.00	11.85	5.00	13.00
West Oxford	Mrs. S. E. Beasley, Oxford, Rt. 3	155.58	156.00			8.55
	Totals	$18,532.94	$ 2,950.39	$ 1,944.31	$ 1,765.77	$ 2,721.5

Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Mission and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total Local Expense
$ 150.00	$ 108.00	$ 3,293.00	$ 110.00	$ 269.00	$ 156.00	$	$ 384.00	$ 4,470.00	$ 600.00	$ 5,070.00
50.00	2,400.00		16.00		50.00			2,516.00	600.00	3,116.00
140.00	918.59	2,645.81	319.31	568.98	270.00	12.50	663.91	5,539.10	900.00	6,439.10
	43.93		23.77	30.00	70.06		10.00	177.76	600.00	777.76
96.00	24.00	45.95	142.10		70.00		50.00	428.05	600.00	1,028.05
120.00	43.11	49,000.00	258.12		140.00		860.28	50,421.51	1,811.00	52,232.51
16.50	9.00		96.60	52.00	135.36		37.22	346.68	454.61	801.29
281.00	2,844.10	5,221.00	393.14	98.50	215.00		144.00	9,196.74	1,800.00	10,996.74
	892.59		128.55	16.29	75.00		33.90	1,146.33	800.00	1,946.33
60.00	625.00		200.00		125.00		75.00	1,085.00	600.00	1,685.00
394.25	703.48	97.00	479.29	666.00	148.15	1,146.39	1,098.19	4,932.75	3,300.00	8,032.75
204.00	138.00	519.00	150.00		168.45		100.00	1,279.45	972.00	2,251.45
490.00	851.15	12,053.98	363.47		275.00		1,023.95	15,057.55	3,475.00	18,532.55
288.50	216.25	25,075.35	620.89	250.00	229.52		153.66	26,834.17	1,000.00	27,834.17
94.00	21.10		154.74		220.00			489.84	400.00	889.84
399.00	283.35		257.76	224.29	208.63	755.21	412.75	2,540.89	1,146.00	3,686.89
64.00	56.93	9,404.91	107.98	44.67	197.00	2,200.00	400.47	12,475.96	1,800.00	14,275.96
92.50	766.10		74.54	48.00	242.14		63.13	1,286.41	978.41	2,264.82
5,310.00	1,389.32		1,200.00	600.00	100.00		2,083.00	10,682.32	4,300.00	14,982.32
78.00	109.00	135.87	161.52		212.79		63.73	760.92	562.50	1,323.42
150.00	140.00		144.64	32.26	105.00			571.90	600.00	1,171.90
	1,735.70		77.34	39.79	60.00		31.70	1,944.53	500.00	2,444.53
265.00	219.98	14,803.42	354.42	31.60	220.05		324.88	16,219.35	972.00	17,191.35
63.00	17.80		99.93	88.65	130.00	330.17	327.57	1,057.12	1,170.00	2,227.12
124.00			72.59		144.72		235.22	576.53	600.00	1,176.53
380.25	635.71	1,507.55	509.44	246.71	279.40			3,559.06	1,800.00	5,359.06
22.50	5.18	35,000.00	62.00	17.50	90.00		51.88	35,249.06	632.00	35,881.06
60.00	4.50	1,057.81	60.00		62.66		240.00	1,487.97	400.00	1,884.97
146.20	133.27	23.79	134.12	44.80	205.00		583.23	1,280.41	900.00	2,180.41
$ 9,538.70	$15,335.04	159,884.44	$ 6,772.26	$ 3,369.04	$ 4,604.93	$ 4,444.27	$ 9,451.67	$213,400.35	$ 34,273.52	$ 47,673.87

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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual meeting of the Association and shall be received into fellowship of the Association upon a majority vote of the messengers present.

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least

once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member from each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak, but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

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MESSENGERS—1951 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—Tom Pittard, George Yancey, Roy Frazier, Mrs. George Yancey, James Elliott, Mrs. James Elliott.

BRASSFIELD—T. W. Allen, Mrs. E. L. Veasy, Mrs. Allen Hockaday.

BULLOCK—Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Will Walker, Miss Lucy Norwood, Mrs. Harry Royster, Marvin Davis, Mrs. T. A. Royster.

CONCORD—W. L. Lyon, C. C. Currin, Mrs. D. M. Bennett, Mrs. Harvey Goss, Leon Coley, G. T. Wheeler.

CORINTH—T. B. Brummitt, J. W. Brummitt, Mrs. Raymond Currin, Ed Dorsey, Jr., Mrs. Frank Averette, Mrs. Clifton Land.

CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Sam Lyon, Mrs. Tom Goss, Hubert Sanderford, Mrs. A. O. Curl, Mrs. Ray Braxton, Bob Rogers, Mrs. Aubrey Wheeler, Mrs. Alvin Cross, Mrs. Umstead Currin, Mrs. R. L. Freeman.

DEXTER—Mrs. Graham Owen, Sr., A. B. Greene, B. W. Hicks, Mrs. S. W. Greene, S. W. Greene, Miss Ruth Dickerson.

ENON—Rev. Ronald E. Rice, Mrs. Tyree Woody, R. T. Critcher.

FELLOWSHIP—Alvis Whitaker, J. H. Perry, Miss Lila Hobgood, H. M. Aiken, George Etheridge, Mrs. W. T. O'Briant.

FLORENCE AVE.—George P. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Pleasants, Sr., R. E. Chandler, Jr., Mrs. George P. Smith, Mrs. George Newton, Mrs. Walter Smith.

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GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. Jack Sizemore, J. A. Timberlake, Earlie Yancey, Jack Sizemore, C. R. Yancey, R. C. Pittard.

HESTER—C. N. Hobgood, Mrs. C. N. Hobgood, F. R. Barlowe, Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, C. S. Puckett, Mrs. C. S. Puckett, Raymond Adcock, Mrs. Raymond Adcock, Maynard Howard, Mrs. Maynard Howard, Mrs. James Dean, Mrs. P. J. Wynne, Mrs. J. R. Adcock, Mrs. Sam A. Howard.

ISLAND CREEK—H. B. Shotwell, Mrs. C. S. O'Brien, C. H. Guerrant, Mrs. Estelle Woody, Mrs. Jenny Briggs, J. G. Tilley, Mrs. Mack Woody, Mrs. Henry Longmire, S. E. Wilson, G. W. Norwood.

KNOTT'S GROVE—Miss Violet Overton, Mrs. W. H. Dean, Mrs. Fielding Knott, Fielding Knott, Mrs. Kelly Hughes, Mrs. Walter Crews.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—C. T. Blackwell, Mrs. John S. Watkins, L. H. Chandler, Fontaine Jones, Mrs. Fred Blackwell, Mrs. E. J. Hart.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Luther Franklin, Albert Slaughter, Watson Currin.

OLIVE GROVE—P. S. Horton, R. C. Perry, Joseph Chappell, E. T. Roberts, Grover Keith, Roger Forsythe.

OXFORD—Roy H. Beard, W. A. Mitchiner, W. T. Yancey, Mrs. J. M. Blalock, Mrs. T. O. Mullins, Mrs. J. Baird Stovall.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—L. B. Newton, George Gresham, Clifton Walters, Raymond Dickerson, Edward Woody, Mrs. Clifton Walters, Ed Simms, Woodrow Thomasson.

PLEASANT GROVE—Ollie Milton, L. E. Adcock, Mrs. Elbert Averette, Gathan Sadler, C. H. Averette, Miss Carrie Averette.

POPLAR CREEK—R. M. Boyd, Mrs. R. M. Boyd, Mrs. E. C. Brewer, Mrs. P. T. Jones, Mrs. I. W. Nutt, B. M. Crews.

PROVIDENCE—Glenn Daniel, Mrs. D. Y. Averette, Sr., W. H. Bowling, Mrs. R. N. Watkins, Miss Lila Piper, Mrs. Harry Watkins.

ROCK SPRING—

SHARON—Jesse Denny, G. A. Denny, Clyde Powell, Coy Daniel, Clarence Denny, Spurgeon Denny.

STOVALL—L. I. Currin, Mrs. L. I. Currin, George Frazier, Mrs. Calvin Frazier, Miss Fannie Owen, Mrs. Grace Shotwell, Mrs. Daisy O'Brien, Mrs. H. B. Williams, Graham Breedlove.

TABB'S CREEK—H. W. Currin, N. G. Blackwell, W. M. Brummitt, James W. Currin, Mrs. S. S. Parham, Mrs. D. C. Critcher.

TALLY HO—F. C. Wilkins, Mrs. J. A. Newton, Waldo Minor, Mrs. C. F. Hobgood, H. J. Clayton, James Wilkins.

WEST OXFORD—Rev. E. G. Usry, J. H. Crumpler, Mrs. D. F. Lanier, Marvin Saunders, Theodore Moss, Mrs. George Webster.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held With

PLEASANT GROVE AND AMIS CHAPEL CHURCHES

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Flat River Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Grove Church October 16, 10:00 A. M.

Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Moderator, called the Association to order.

Devotional was led by Rev. J. C. Gill, Jr.

It was moved and carried that delegates present along with those designated on the Church Letters constitute the Association for business purposes.

Rev. James M. Hayes, Superintendent of the N. C. Baptist Home for Aging, was recognized and spoke briefly. On motion the Association voted that this report be incorporated in the minutes.

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REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR AGING

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention in its November, 1950, session authorized the committee on the Home for the Aging to make plans for the opening and operation of our Home for the Aging as soon as the committee might find a way to meet the cost of equipping and operating. Because of the drive to raise money for the construction of the new wing to the Baptist Hospital, the Convention instructed the committee for the Home not to expect direct help from the Baptist State Convention during the year 1951.

On January 9, the committee on the Home elected Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, superintendent of the Home, and Miss Edna Heinzerling, director of Nurses of the Baptist Hospital, to serve as supervisor of our Home. The committee decided to open the Home for residents when sufficient funds became available to begin.

There are many evidences of the Lord's favor upon the Home thus far. In the first place, He led in making a home immediately available. Ten years ago the trustees of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College

leased a three-story brick-constructed, fireproof building, with an elevator, for a period of 25 years for $1.00 a year. The committee on the Home was able to secure this building for 15 years at the same rental price. The building accommodates 20 residents at present. The top floor, if completed, would give space for 16 additional residents. The completion of this floor would cost approximately $23,000. With more than 100 applications for admission already received, and inquiries coming almost daily, one can easily see the pressing need of more space.

The Home has been greatly helped by the gifts received—furniture, office equipment, heating system, blankets, linens, towels, and many other items, as well as discounts on supplies necessary to be purchased. Although the Home has been operating only since March 16, yet it now has assets approximating $50,000, and is not operating in the red.

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Mr. Carl Ragland spoke briefly on the Wake Forest Foundation.

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The report of Committee on Committees was read by Rev. M. L. Banister.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

NOMINATIONS_____T. W. Allen, Mrs. J. T. Cozart, Jr., J. A. Timberlake
TIME PLACE AND PREACHER__Roy H. Beard, Mrs. Otho Curl, D. F. Lanier
RESOLUTIONS_____Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Mrs. Elbert Wilson, H. W. Currin
OBITUARY____Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Mrs. Fielding Knott

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The report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Asso. Supt.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

This has been a very short year for Woman's Missionary Union, including only nine months from January 1st, 1951, to October 1st, 1951. We are making and will continue to make necessary adjustments to conform to this new year, but we feel sure that the change is going to prove both profitable and satisfactory.

The Leadership Conference in January was well attended. Interest in this important feature of our year's work is growing.

The Annual Meeting was held with the Providence Church, having a total registration of 239 representing 25 churches. Highlights of this meeting were inspirational messages by Mrs. Charles B. Howard, Divisional Supt., Miss Regina Sliger, Missionary to the Indians and Mrs. John Wacaster, State Worker.

The following new officers have come into office this year:

The present Superintendent
Mrs. Elbert Wilson, Associate Supt.
Mrs. Clyde Melton, Mission Study Chairman
Mrs. Morgan Daniel, Literature Chairman
Mrs. Dennis Larkins, Stewardship Chairman
Mrs. Glenn Daniel, Young People's Leader
Mrs. Norman Hicks, R. A. Counselor

There have been increases in membership, number of tithers and gifts. Eighty-three percent of our women and seventy-four percent of our Young People are giving through the Cooperative program. We are very proud of this record. A-1 organizations include: Hester, Sharon, W. M. S.; Enon, Hester, Providence, Sunbeams; Hester, Providence, Sharon, Girls' Auxiliary; Enon, Hester, Royal Ambassadors; Hester, Sharon, Stovall, Young Woman's Auxiliary. Hester has our one and only Full Graded A-1 Union, and we are very proud of and congratulate them on this excellent record.

Real Service for the Master cannot be tabulated from written records. There is no way to accurately measure the stewardship, soul winning and influence for good of the women and young people in W. M. U. organizations in Flat River. However, we still have a challenging opportunity for Enlistment, the giving of the Tithe and Christian Education of our Young People.

As we think of the tremendous need for the Christian witness in our world today, and compare with the task our feeble strength, we are overwhelmed by doubts and fears. Never can we go on in our own unaided strength. The Master, who commanded "Go", also promised "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Supt.

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The report on State Missions was read by Mrs. Sterling Carrington.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The overall objective of State Missions is to make of N. C. a great Christian State. For more than a hundred years State Missions, through pastors and other workers, has helped to evangelize N. C. and to plant Baptist Churches over the State. The result is that today about half of the Church members in N. C. are Baptist.

It is with prayerful interest that we consider at this season of the year something of what these nearly 700,000 N. C. Baptist are doing through their program of State Missions to win to Christ the more than 1,700,000 people in our State above the age of accountability, who are lost.

Our State Mission program consists of some eighteen activities for the support of which at least $350,000 is needed annually. Since State Missions receives only 13% of the cooperative program dollar, the Womans Missionary Union and our Sunday Schools and Churches must supply some $175,000 in special offerings, if the challenging task of taking N. C. for Christ is to be met with any degree of success.

We dare not fail in our service or our gifts in this day—the day that's my opportunity and your opportunity to witness for Christ in our Judea.

Mrs. Sterling Carrington

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The report on Home Missions was read by Rev. Norman Hicks in absence of the author.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Southern Baptist in one hundred six years have employed 48,134 home missionaries for one year or one missionary for 48,134 years. Home missionaries have organized 10,012 churches and reported 1,011,134 professions of faith. There has been one profession for every $34.97 expended by the Board.

In recent years the Convention has added 988,642 square miles of territory to the home mission field and 22,000,000 people.

In the western states, the four western provinces of Cuba, the Canal Zone, Panama, and Alaska there are 75,000,000 people with 25,000,000 of them unchurched.

In 1950 the Schools of Missions Department promoted 136 simultaneous schools in which 3,309 churches participated and 959,193 gross attendance was registered, making a grand total of attendance of Schools of Missions in the past four years 4,768,710.

In 1950 there were 754 missionaries plus 271 student workers for the summer making a total of 1,025. The missionaries reported 32,600 conversions. They made 231,393 religious visits, distributed 87,241 Bibles and portions and 1,130,261 pages of tracts, taught 18,512 classes, conducted 3,958 revivals, opened 598 new missions, and constituted 293 new churches.

In addition to the above accomplishments there were 259 chaplains who reported 6,120 professions of faith, and the evangelistic staff reported 5,989 baptisms in crusades which they personally conducted and a total of 9,922 additions to the churches in those crusades. The radio programs were responsible for many conversions. The number cannot be tabulated.

Badger Hicks

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The report on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Jr.

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These reports were adopted as a whole then followed an address by Rev. J. B. Hipps on Communism and Christianity in China.

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The report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Constitution of the Flat River Baptist Association states that "The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year, and eight lay members. . . . . The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each Quarter. . . . . It shall be the duty of the Committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association."

Let us, first of all, then, consider a summary of the Quarterly Meetings of the Executive Committee.

At the first meeting, October 30, 1950, the Rev. W. S. Caudle tendered his resignation, having served two years as chairman. New officers were elected as follows: Chairman—Roger E. Williams, Jr.; Vice-Chairman—Claude Allen; Clerk —F. R. Barlowe. Also, at this meeting a Committee on Committees was appointed to divide the responsibilities of the Executive Committee among the various Sub-Committees, as suggested in the Constitution. Plans were made for the School of Missions, now scheduled for November 18-23.

At the January 29 meeting, a letter applying for admission to the Association was received from the First Baptist Church of Tungsten. This application was approved by the Committee, and it is therefore our recommendation that the First Baptist Church of Tungsten be officially received by vote of the Association in this Regular Session of 1951.

At the April 30 meeting, with 18 members of the Executive Committee present, the following action was adopted: "In view of the increased cost of living, and the fact that the Missionary's salary has not been raised since the program began,"—(nearly four years ago)—"we recommend that the churches of the Association, on a voluntary basis, be asked to increase their gifts to the Associational Missions Program for the five months period of May through September; and that the Field Worker's salary be increased by an amount not to exceed $25.00 per month for the balance of the Associational Year."

At the August 20th Meeting, various reports were heard and adopted. Brother Banister reported satisfactory progress on securing personnel for the forth-coming School of Missions. The report of the Program Committee for the Annual Meeting was read and adopted. The Budget Committee's Report was read and approved for presentation to the ANNUAL MEETING. Also a committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of the Association owning a house for the Field Worker's Residence and Office. This Committee was to report at the Annual meeting.

This is only a brief summary of the work undertaken by your executive committee during the year. To be a member of this committee is a great responsibility and we appreciate the faithfulness of those who have given their time and effort to its functions. Especially do we appreciate the cooperation and service of the Rev. Ronald E. Rice, our Field Worker, without whose efforts many of our projects could not have been carried through. We heartily commend him to all the churches with the assurance that he will give every consideration to your individual needs.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.—Chrm.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. M. L. Banister, subject, "The Four Roads."

Announcements and closing prayer by Rev. Warren Turner, host Pastor.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

This session was opened by singing "Revive Us Again."

All Ministers in the Association were recognized by the Moderator.

Rev. E. U. Hoover led the devotional song, "Lead on Oh King Eternal"

Rev. L. L. Carpenter spoke briefly on Baptist Literature.

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ORGANIZATION

On motion Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. was elected Moderator, Sam L. Knott, Vice-Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk, and D. F. Lanier, Treasurer.

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The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Mr. T. W. Allen and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

W. M. U.	Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
State Missions	Mrs. W. A. Simmons
Home Missions	Mrs. Kelly Hughes
Foreign Missions	Mrs. W. A. Mitchiner
Sunday Schools	Asso. Supt.
Training Union	Asso. Director
Baptist Colleges	Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr.
Religious Literature	Miss Lila Piper
Cooperative Program	Rev. Oren Bradley
Orphanage	Mrs. Frank Averette
Christian Citizenship	Rev. Dennis M. Larkins
Relief and Annuity	Mr. Lee Newton
Asso. Sunday School Supt.	Mr. F. R. Barlowe
Asso. Training Union Director	Mr. C. H. Guerrant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT LARGE

M. S. Currin, Frank Hicks	Term Expires 1952
Clifton Walters, Sam Hobgood	Term Expires 1953
Dr. James F. Pruitt, Horace Hicks	Term Expires 1954
Ollie Milton, R. T. Eakes	Term Expires 1955

Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer Ex Officio Members.

On motion The Association voted to receive Mt. Olivet Church under its watch care.

Representatives from the Church were recognized by the Moderator.

The Rev. Mr. Pentacost, Chaplain at our Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, spoke on the work there.

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The report of the Associational Field-Worker was read by Rev. Ronald E. Rice, discussed by him and Rev. C. H. Norris, then adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL FIELD-WORKER

Your present Field-Worker has completed 13 months employment in the Flat River Baptist Association. Our work with the people of the Association has been interesting and pleasant. We appreciate the good-will and kindness of the churches. We are confident some things have been accomplished for the good of our churches and the Kingdom of God. However, "there remaineth much ground to be possessed."

For the past year the two biggest things planned on an Associational basis have been the Simultaneous Revival Campaign in March and April and the Sunday Morning Radio Programs. A one-day Vacation Bible School Clinic in the Spring helped to promote Bible Schools in nearly all our churches. We have also had Sunday School Rallies and Quarterly Mass Meetings for the Training Union. Much of the planning, publicity, and execution of these various Associational projects has been done through the Associational Office. Also many letters have been written and calls made to get ready for the School of Missions to be held in November. Twenty-five churches are scheduled to participate in the School of Missions.

Throughout the year we have tried through radio, public and personal contacts to keep before our people the entire program of Southern Baptists as each required emphasis. Through the year Southern Baptists have cooperated together in working out a program for work that gets things done. (We need to supply the necessary human labor and resources to make our program work while we trust the power of the Holy Spirit.)

Other special activities of the Field-Worker have been:

Revivals and other Campaigns:

Revivals: Three in the Association.
Two outside the Association.
One Rural Church Enlargement Campaign in Beulah Association.
Two Vacation Bible School Clinics, Roxboro and Burlington.

Study Courses:

W. M. U.—18 books.
Sunday School—one night.
Training Union—19 nights.

Sermons and Special Addresses:

43—on Sundays.
22—Radio Devotionals.
35—Revival Sermons.
7—At Schools, etc.

Conferences:

77—Individuals.
18—Groups.
16—Committee.

Approximately 15,000 miles have been traveled in the interest of the Associational program.

As we consider the work of our churches over the past year and look toward the future several needs stand out clearly:

1. The members of our churches must be led into deeper spiritual living.

2. The listening audience for the radio program should be enlarged and the program improved.

3. Secure a more complete staff of Associational Officers.

4. Plan more adequate Associational activity.

5. Enlarge our Sunday School work and organize more Training Unions.

6. Promote more Study Courses especially for Sunday School.

7. Lead churches toward a far better stewardship program and missionary outreach.

Ronald E. Rice

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The report of the Auditor was read by Mr. D. F. Lanier, in absence of the author and adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITOR

The books of the Treasurer of the Flat River Association have been audited as of Sept. 30-51 and found correct.

All receipts have been properly entered and all disbursements have been accounted for by itemized statements leaving a balance of $510.30 which agrees with the Bank records.

M. S. Currin, Auditor

The report of the Budget Committee was read by the Chairman, Rev. Oren Bradley and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1951-52

SALARIES		
Field Worker	$2,100.00	
Clerk	60.00	
Treasurer	60.00	
		$2,220.00
OPERATING EXPENSE		
House rent	$ 600.00	
Office rent	240.00	
Office telephone	75.00	
Field Worker's travel expense. (4¢ per mile up to 14,400 for the year)	576.00	
Office supplies	150.00	
Relief and Annuity	132.00	
Convention expense	125.00	
Printing (including minutes)	200.00	
Incidentals	100.00	
		$2,198.00
PROMOTION		
Training Union	$ 50.00	
W. M. U.	50.00	
Sunday School	50.00	
Radio Program (Flat River Baptist Hour)	300.00	
		$450.00
Total to be raised by the churches	$4,868.00	
State Convention's supplement to the field worker's salary	1,200.00	
Grand total budget		$6,068.00

The committee recommends that the churches consider carefully and prayerfully the adoption of a goal which will be worthy. It is suggested that if each church will accept a goal of 1¢ per member per week, or 50¢ per year for the total membership of the church we will be able to meet the budget. Some few churches are now doing better than this. If so we urge you to continue.

It is also recommended to ask the churches, if possible, to send in their contributions on a monthly basis.

Finance Committee:
Oren Bradley
Mrs. Sterling Carrington
D. F. Lanier

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Oren Bradley in absence of the author and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We are grateful to the great and beneficient author of existence for all things accomplished in our Sunday Schools.

The theme for our Sunday Schools this year has been, Take your Family to Sunday School; and I feel that a good many of our schools have put emphasis on this particular thing. Therefore, I am sure it has really been of great help in increasing the attendance of our Sunday Schools this associational year.

Many schools are reporting the largest attendance they have ever experienced.

Several new classrooms have been constructed, new teachers enlisted and new classes started. This is certainly one of the great steps in improving our Sunday Schools. We praise God for all the good pastors, faithful teachers, and members who have had a part in making this associational year a success. We should not be contented, but realize that there is much new ground to be broken in our Sunday School work in this association. More classrooms are needed; more teachers to be enlisted, and more church members and unsaved people need to be enlisted in our Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is the Bible teaching agency of the church. It includes all age groups. Jesus said, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". He also said to begin this work in Jerusalem which means our local communities. Be precept and example Jesus told us to go after lost people in the fields close at hand.

There has never been a greater challenge to Christian people to witness for their Saviour than today. If the people of our Sunday Schools fail to realize this then our work for the Master is greatly hindered.

H. L. O'Brien

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The report on Training Union was read by Mr. C. H. Guerrant, Asso. Director and adopted.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Training Union work in this Association has been a success this year. We have not made many changes in our enrollment or the number of Training Unions.

We have fourteen churches with Training Unions. We have a total enrollment in our Training Unions of 850.

While this report is very gratifying, it is not as good as we would like it to be. We are still working to have a Training Union in every church in the Flat River Association. This year we are using the adoption plan. We are asking each church that has a Training Union to adopt a church that does not have a Training Union and work with that church in order to organize a Training Union.

This being our aim we are asking the cooperation of our pastors, deacons and leaders of our churches.

A wide awake Training Union will live and thrive and bear much fruit.

It is my earnest desire to see a Training Union in all the churches in the Flat River Association in the near future.

C. H. Guerrant
Training Union Director

Address by Dr. S. L. Stealy on Christian Education.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

This session was opened at Amis Chapel Church by singing, "The Precious Name of Jesus"

The devotional was led by Rev. C. F. Melton.

Mr. D. F. Lanier reported for special committee, and the Association voted to continue this committee.

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The report on Religious Literature was read by Mrs. Elbert Averette and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The winning of people to Christ and the training and development of our people must be carried on primarily through preaching, teaching, and the use of good religious literature. We must place in the hands of the people religious literature in the form of tracts, magazines and books. The Bible, of course, occupies the chief place in our list of literature and there should be at least one in every home.

The present circulation of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, our state Baptist paper in North Carolina, is nearly 46,000. This means an increase of more than 5,000 during the past twelve months. For this large circulation we are grateful to God and to the pastors and leaders of North Carolina Baptists who have supported the paper enthusiastically and have done what they could to get it into the homes of the people.

We have been pleased with the improved and expanded service of the RECORDER during the last twelve months. We feel, since it is the organ of our Baptist State Convention and because of the service it will render, that it ought to be in every North Carolina Baptist home.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, organized in 1830, has as its purpose, according to the Constitution, the promotion of "missions, education, social service, and the distribution of the Bible and sound religious literature." We purposely underscore the words "sound religious literature."

In addition to information about Baptist work, the RECORDER carries week by week significant articles which deal with the great issues of life which all our people must face.

The Commission is the organ of our Foreign Mission Board and should be in every home. Also there is the CHARITY AND CHILDREN published weekly by our Baptist Orphanage.

Mrs. Elbert Averette

The report on Cooperative Program was read by Mr. H. W. Currin and adopted.

REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Jesus did not leave his disciples to decide for themselves whether they would support missions. His command was clear that they were to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." A Christian, surrendered to the will of God, cannot but feel that he must be a part of this great commission of his Lord.

The best method ever devised to get this job done is to support our workers at home and abroad through the Cooperative Program. Quoting from the 1950 report to the Baptist State Convention, "There is a growing interest on the part of our people in the Cooperative program. Perhaps this growth and interest is more apparent in the smaller churches."

Of course, the support of the Cooperative Program always rests upon our local churches. For that reason our church members must be instructed and encouraged to bring their tithes and offerings to the church each week. The gathering of the offering is a vital part of the worship service.

In the Flat River Baptist Association our churches have given $1,201.53 more through the Cooperative Program this year than they gave last year, a total of $19,734.47. We rejoice in this increase, but we must go on to better things. Let us remember the Cooperative Program supports everything that Baptist are doing together. We must do our best.

H. W. Currin

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The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Mrs. Calvin Critcher and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

In our child program, we have three channels through which dependent children are aided. Last year at Mills Home and Kennedy Home we cared for 606. Then through Mothers' Aid we helped support 100. In addition to this we supported 58 children in Boarding Homes. This makes a grand total of 764 children who were given support through our Orphanage Program.

There are two major sources of support for our program. The greatest of course is the Once-A-Month offering by the Sunday Schools and Churches, and the other is the Thanksgiving Offering. All this money is used exclusively for the support of the children.

Our Orphanage has never sponsored a special campaign for funds. All buildings have been erected with special gifts from interested friends.

The financial condition of our Orphanage is good. However, it does not have a large surplus of funds as some have thought. Like most of our own families we have to be careful with expenses in order to get through the year without a deficit.

Through the generous bequest of the late Mr. Robert M. Idol and his sister

Miss Lelia M. Idol, we received the greatest single gift that has ever come to the Orphanage—A little more than $700,000.00 (seven hundred thousand). This donation is to be used to build a church, an Infirmary and a Print Shop. These buildings and one cottage for children are now under contract. When these buildings are finished and furnished, we will have less than $30,000 of this fund left, which may be used to help erect another building.

We, as a Baptist people have always responded in the spirit of the Master who said "Whosoever receiveth one such children in My name, receiveth not only Me, but Him that sent Me."

Mrs. Calvin J. Critcher

Rev. J. U. Teague spoke briefly on Chowan College. Song, "Ready For The Lord Shall Come."

Remarks by Mr. R. E. Arvin, congratulating Amis Chapel Church on its accomplishments.

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The report on Baptist Hospital was read by Mrs. Reuben T. Greene and adopted.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Last year 9,700 patients were cared for in the Hospital and 95,000 visits were made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. About half of these were persons with little or no money. They were provided free professional care by our doctors, and were given additional financial assistance with the cost of the service they received.

This free service was made possible by our Mother's Day offerings which amounted to $140,000.00. Other assistance came from various health and welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment, and individual gifts. All this added together enabled the Hospital to spend $337,000.00 in free service. When the free services of the doctors are added to this, it means that our hospital provided three-fourths of a million dollars in free services to these sick persons who have little money. In other words, every time we gave one dollar in our Mother's Day offerings, it enabled our hospital to give five dollars in free service to sick persons who are poor in this world's goods.

We are happy to report that the Mother's Day offerings this year are running ahead of those last year. The reports from the special offerings to raise $700,000.00 toward the building of the new South Wing to the Hospital are encouraging. Most of our churches in the state have been making these offerings and many have gone well beyond their suggested goals. Contracts have been let for this addition to the Hospital and work is beginning on the construction, which will require about 18 months.

Our Hospital seeks to meet the full needs of those who go there for treatment. It seeks to provide the best in medical service. For those who are poor it provides financial assistance, in so far as its resources permit. But beyond these, it provides a spiritual ministry for those who are spiritually sick. Under this

ministry many unsaved persons accept Christ, many weak and neglected Christian lives are renewed, and many physical illnesses are hastened toward recovery. The purpose of our Hospital is to provide a complete Christian Ministry for those who are sick.

Mrs. Reuben T. Greene

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The report on Relief and Annuity was read by Mrs. Fielding Knott and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITY

Few of us, I believe, stop to realize that most of what we are and of what our souls aspire to be is due largely to the labors of those humble servants of God who have through the years, called us to redemption, called us to worship and called us to the dedication and surrender of our lives in service to God.

The least we can do for those who have led us spiritually through the years is to make provision for them in their declining years.

We are endeavoring to meet this need through the Relief and Annuity Board. In which task we are only partially succeeding. The assets of this Board have grown tremendously, yet not fast enough to take care of the needs. The assets of the Board have grown from $3,000,000.00 in the late twenties to $20,518,200.12 Jan. 1951.

We find that 10 states in the Southern Baptist Convention paid less in 1950 to this fund than they received. North Carolina being deficient by $6,110.57, which was a larger deficit than any other state.

We find in the Flat River Association only 19 of the 29 churches in 1950 participating in giving to this fund. The Relief and Annuity gifts for the 19 churches reaching only a total of $976.70.

One of the three special offerings approved and recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention is the offering for the relief of aged ministers, a fellowship offering to be taken on the occasion of the observance of the Lord's Supper, during the month of June, or at such a time as convenient for the church.

It is imperative that more of our churches follow the recommendation of our Convention and take this offering that the needs of these older preachers and widows may be met.

Mrs. Fielding Knott

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Rev. Ronald E. Rice discussed the financial report, and Mr. Grant spoke briefly on the Baptist Orphanage.

Address by Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr. on Rural Church Development.

Song, "Work For The Night is Coming"

Address by Dr. M. A. Huggins.

Announcements and closing prayer by Rev. E. W. Greene, host Pastor.

AFTERNOON SESSION

This session was opened by singing "Near The Cross." The Moderator recognized former Pastors, Rev. E. R. Harris, Rev. E. G. Usry, and Rev. V. E. Duncan, Field Worker for Tar River Association.

The devotional was led by Rev. Dennis Larkins. Song, "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name"

Address on Christian Citizenship by Dr. Budd Smith, Superintendent of Oxford Schools.

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The report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Mr. Roy Beard.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday and Wednesday after the Second Sunday in October.
Place—1st Day Island Creek, 2nd Day to be announced.
Preacher—Rev. C. F. Melton.

Roy H. Beard
Mrs. Otho Curl
D. F. Lanier
Committee

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The report on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Elbert Wilson and adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

To Pleasant Grove and Amis Chapel, our hostess churches, we say a hearty and sincere thank you for your sincere and heart warming welcome, and your most bountiful hospitality.

To Rev. Roger Williams, our Moderator, and the pastors of our hostess churches, Rev. Warren Turner of Pleasant Grove and Rev. Edward Greene of Amis Chapel, we extend our praise and appreciation.

For the inspiring and soul stirring messages brought to us by pastors, laymen, missionary and all other representatives, we are deeply grateful. It has been a real benediction to sit and listen. May we really come down from the mountain top experience, ready to go into the valley of service. And may this be a time of rededication of our people in Flat River Association to the cause of Christ in our association and to the uttermost parts of the earth. To do this each of us must crown Him, Lord of all.

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
Mrs. Elbert Wilson
Mr. Herman Currin

Motion was made and carried that appropriate resolutions be drafted expressing appreciation of the Association to the Oxford Public Ledger, and to Radio Station W. O. X. F.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

To The Oxford Public Ledger

Dear Sirs:

The Flat River Baptist Association, convening in its 158th Annual Session, wishes to take this opportunity to publicly express the appreciation of her constituent churches for the excellent coverage of local church news on the part of the Oxford Public Ledger. We commend the publisher and editor for the high moral tone of her editorial comment on issues of vital concern to the welfare of the community as a whole.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of this association, and that a copy be sent to the Oxford Public Ledger.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Moderator

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

To Radio Station W. O. X. F.

Dear Sirs:

The Flat River Baptist Association, convening in its 158th Annual Session, wishes to take this opportunity to publicly express the appreciation of her constituent churches for the excellent coverage of local church news on the part of Radio Station W. O. X. F. We commend the Manager and each member of the personnel for their splendid cooperation in helping to promote religious interest throughout our community.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of our Association, and that a copy be sent to Radio Station W. O. X. F.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.
Moderator

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Motion was made and carried that Tungsten Church be admitted into the Association.

The report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. Sterling Carrington.

DECEASED MEMBERS—1951

CONCORD—Mrs. Mary Frances Duke, Mr. Garland Terry.
CORINTH—Mr. Sam C. Connell.
CREEDMOOR—Mr. James Curl, Mr. G. M. Chappell, Mr. Charlie Allgood.
DEXTER—Mr. I. T. Greene, Mr. Earl Greene, Mr. Ray Greene, Mrs. Harold Whittingham.
ENON—Mr. Elam Currin, Mrs. Lucy Cash.
FELLOWSHIP—Deacon S. A. Cannady, Deacon T. W. Currin.
FLORENCE AVE.—Miss Daisy Brooks.
FRANKLINTON—Mr. R. B. Pearce, Sr., Cpl. Alfonso Woodlief, Mr. Sam Smith, Deacon T. P. Barrett.
GRASSY CREEK—Mr. W. L. Carrington, Mrs. Bettie Garrett, Mrs. Rosa N. Moore.
HESTER—Mr. P. C. Brooks, Mr. Charlie Currin, Deacon N. F. Hobgood, Mr. Joseph Hobgood, Mr. Garland Ragland, Mr. J. M. Robertson.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. Robert L. Morgan, Deacon C. H. Sneed, Mr. George Williamson, Mrs. Fannie Hope, Mrs. J. W. Bullock.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. W. S. Newton.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mrs. Mary Ella Eakes, Miss Clyde Hart, Mr. A. L. Elliott, Mrs. Nannie Wilkerson.
MT. ZION—Miss Hattie Turner, Deacon W. H. Dean.
OLIVE GROVE—Mr. Carl Brinkley, Mr. Junius Jones.
OXFORD—Miss Ava Woody, Mr. Robert Owen, Mrs. Sarah Parham, Mr. R. I. Daniel, Cpl. Eugene Ball, Mrs. R. M. Currin, Sr., Mrs. W. C. Tyree, Lt. Cecil Peebles, Mrs. L. J. Montague.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. Roy Boyd.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. J. A. Smith, Miss Julia Winston, Miss Connie Newton.
POPLAR CREEK—Mr. Lucius F. Boyd.
PROVIDENCE—Mr. Joe H. Satterwhite, Mrs. W. M. Jackson, Mrs. J. C. Overton.
ROCK SPRING—Deaconess Alice Keeton, Mr. Ed Shearon.
SHARON—Deacon W. A. Sherman, Mrs. Bessie Melton.
STOVALL—Harold Adcock, Mrs. Arthur Wilson.
TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. Lizzie Belcher.
TALLY HO—Deacon George W. Whitfield, Miss Emma Longmire.
WEST OXFORD—Mrs. Mollie Broyal, Deacon D. G. Thomerson, Mr. Riley Phillips, Mrs. Nathan Harris.

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Special music by Pastors of the Association.

Announcements by Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Rev. M. L. Banister and Rev. Ronald E. Rice.

Words of appreciation by the Moderator.

Closing prayer by Rev. Oren Bradley.

The Association Adjourned.

Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. J. L. Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	53	14	8	11	35	121		
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1	1		1	1	4	14	16		12	15	57	12	13
Concord	Mrs. Leon Coley, Stem	1					1	12					12	12	
Corinth	Mrs. Raymond Currin, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	31	14	13	12	18	88	43	4
Creedmoor	Mrs. A. O. Curl, Creedmoor	2	1	1		1	5	44	20	12		14	90	30	6
Dexter	Mrs. Badger W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	19		9	9	15	52	20	7
Enon	Mrs. R. L. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	57	9	26	20	29	141	100	34
Florence Ave.	Mrs. E. U. Hoover, Virgilina, Va.	1		1			2	15		7			22	15	4
Franklinton	Mrs. Frank Carter, Jr., Franklinton, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	81	9	17	6	30	143	94	12
Grassy Creek	Mrs. G. P. Wilkinson, Nelson, Va.	1		1			2	22		13			35		8
Hester	Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	83	11	21	24	49	188	223	22
Island Creek	Mrs. C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1	1	1	1	1	5	46	17	26	14	18	121	159	27
Knott's Grove	Mrs. W. H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1				2	27	9				36		
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Annie M. Clark, Oxford, Rt. 4	1		1	1	1	4	50		21	9	42	122	92	10
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Graham Daniel, Rougemont, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	52	19	16	15	29	131	40	18
Olive Grove	Mrs. Agnes Glenn, Northside	1					1	17					17	17	2
Oxford	Mrs. J. Baird Stovall, Oxford	1	1	2	1	1	6	251	10	59	13	51	384	248	48
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Laster Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 3	1				1	2	22				21	43	22	3
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Harry Lee Overton, Creedmoor	1					1	14					14	10	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. E. L. Raynor, Henderson	1					1	22					22	15	3
Providence	Mrs. R. N. Watkins, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	43	18	16	12	55	144	101	15
Rock Spring	Mrs. James Reece, Henderson, Rt. 5	1			1	1	3	21			7	15	43		
Sharon	Mrs. Norman Hicks, Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	39	10	12	11	10	82		20
Stovall	Mrs. Oren Bradley, Stovall	2	1	2	2	1	8	45	25	26	11	30	137	66	31
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. S. S. Parham, Oxford	1		1	1		3	25		13	6		44	25	2
Tally Ho	Mrs. L. D. Franklin, Stem	1					1	34					34	45	3
West Oxford	Mrs. W. H. Long, Oxford	1					1	25					25		6
	Totals	29	14	19	17	17	96	1164	201	315	192	476	2348	1389	298

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Amis Chapel	John Bradsher, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2			25	25	29	30	60	58		1	228	122	80	66
Brassfield	E. L. Veasy, Franklinton, Rt. 1			5	7	16	9	12	25			74	40	68	63
Bullock	Jack Campbell, Bullock		6	10	13	23	20	29	37			138	85	75	72
Concord	James L. Jolly, Creedmoor, Rt. 2		4	2	2	6		22	8		4	48	30		
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2			15	20	15	14	15	47			126	72	58	54
Creedmoor	Aubrey Wheeler, Creedmoor		19	13	25	36	34	35	57		6	225	149	126	121
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5		1	4	7	15	7	15	49			98	55	66	59
Enon	C. F. Knott, Oxford, Rt. 1	10		14	18	27	31	57	161	20		338	199	84	80
Fellowship	Sam Hobgood, Creedmoor			12	18	20	31	10	29		1	121	90	88	82
Florence Ave.	George P. Smith, Virgilina, Va.			12	10	8	11	22	18		3	84	43	46	41
Franklinton	W. T. Hutchins, Franklinton	10	15	31	46	32	35	31	145	32	8	400	200	139	131
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.			24	25	25	27	37	87			225	135	100	93
Hester	B. W. Pruitt, Oxford, Rt. 1			24	25	37	27	73	181			367	196	144	133
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Henderson			37	26	37	34	60	123	14		331	172	147	119
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Kelly Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 2				8	6	18	25	10		3	70	46	45	43
Mountain Creek	Elbert Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		8	24	18	27	34	32	98		4	245	110	145	138
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1			35	37	44	38	43	114			311	154	160	141
Olive Grove	Joseph Chappell, Butner			25	25	18	18	48	14		2	150	89	75	71
Oxford	Clement Yancey, Oxford		40	64	69	80	102	136	190			681	400	173	168
Peace's Chapel	Edward Woody, Oxford, Rt. 3	5	5	20	15	15	50	30	60		1	201	112	79	74
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Smith, Creedmoor, Rt. 1			17		11	37	20	43			128	70	57	53
Poplar Creek	H. B. Parrott, Henderson, Rt. 3			5	5		8		10			40	25	35	30
Providence	W. H. Bowling, Stem, Rt. 1		17	31	26	37	40	38	101		5	295	175	198	174
Rock Spring	George T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5			10	5	13		18	31			77	45	47	43
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4	18		12	6	17	13	23	53			142	70	81	78
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall		10	30	27	48	57	41	144		6	363	210	140	131
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5			9		10	18	24	28		8	97	65	53	50
Tally Ho	Ralph Whitfield, Stem, Rt. 1				14		16		40			70	37	38	30
West Oxford	A. D. Dillehay, Oxford		8	10	33	31	24	72	48		5	230	153	62	50
	Total	43	133	520	555	683	783	1028	2009	66	57	5903	115†	2609	85†

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget
Amis Chapel	R	1855	2-4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	12	8	4	277	20	297	2	8		Yes
Brassfield	R	1823	1-3		1	6	2	82	11	93	1		No	No
Bullock	V	1904	All	J. C. Gill, Jr., Bullock	4		25	129	43	172	1	17	Yes	No
Concord	R	1782	2-4		6		7	94	36	130	1		No	Yes
Corinth	R	1832	2-4	Norman Hicks, Oxford	14	9	5	126	84	210	1	5	No	No
Creedmoor	T	1895	All	John R. Blanchard, Creedmoor	18	18	6	186	50	236	2	8	No	Yes
Dexter	R	1906	2-4			2	6	117	109	226	1	7	No	No
Enon	R		All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	1	15	10			389	1		Yes	
Fellowship	R	1840	1-3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	19	3	5			245	1			
Florence Ave.	V	1891	All	E. U. Hoover, Virgilina, Va.	9	3	5	85	60	145	3	4	No	No
Franklinton	T	1853	All	W. B. Pittard, Jr., Franklinton	12	23	18	339	102	441	1	15	No	No
Grassy Creek	R	1754	All	Dennis Larkins, Oxford	6	7	7	225	243	468	1		No	
Hester	R	1823	All	Roger E. Williams, Jr., Oxford	6	7	20	498	34	532	1	37	No	Yes
Island Creek	R	1822	All	J. C. Gill, Jr., Bullock	9	2	12	305	199	504	1	60	Yes	No
Knott's Grove	R	1901	All	C. F. Melton, Oxford	5	4	3	97	42	139	1	4	No	Yes
Mountain Creek	R	1860	All	Dennis Larkins, Oxford	3	2	22	332	144	476	1	20	No	Yes
Mt. Zion	V	1840	All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	33	17	9	294	64	358	2	30	No	Yes
Olive Grove	R		All		21	5	8	162	100	262	1	4	No	No
Oxford	C	1848	All	M. L. Banister, Oxford	60	56	54	925	433	1358	1	49	No	Yes
Peace's Chapel	R	1887	1-4	Norman Hicks, Oxford	7		13	254	105	359	2	3	No	No
Pleasant Grove	R	1858	2-4	Warren Turner, Wake Forest		1	3			160	1		No	Yes
Poplar Creek	R		2-4			2	3	94	6	100	1	3	Yes	
Providence	V	1907	All	C. F. Melton, Oxford	11	7	6	293	57	350	1	15	No	Yes
Rock Spring	R	1886			2	2	9	112	190	302	1	2	No	No
Sharon	R	1896	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	5	3	7	224	30	254	1	21		No
Stovall	V	1886	All	Oren Bradley, Stovall	24	4		500	212	712	2	33	Yes	No
Tabb's Creek	R	1906	1-3	C. A. Upchurch, 313 E. Lane St., Raleigh	6			110	100	210	1			No
Tally Ho	R		-3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	1	3	8			139	1	2		No
West Oxford	C	1910	All	W. C. Barham, Jr., Wake Forest	11	2	4	183		183	2	6	No	No
				Totals	306	211	281	6043	2474	9450	37	353	5	10

CHURCHES	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year
Amis Chapel	$	$ 27,000.00	$	$ 300.00	$ 90.00
Brassfield		5,000.00			
Bullock	15,000.00	45,000.00	7,000.00	400.00	110.00
Concord		3,000.00			50.00
Corinth		5,000.00			
Creedmoor		75,000.00	25,000.00		
Dexter		12,000.00			
Enon	4,500.00	45,000.00			
Fellowship		25,000.00			
Florence Ave.	7,500.00	15,000.00			
Franklinton	5,000.00	45,000.00			220.00
Grassy Creek	6,000.00	25,000.00			
Hester	17,500.00	65,000.00	6,300.00	1,750.00	280.00
Island Creek		172,500.00	8,893.00	750.00	200.00
Knott's Grove	7,000.00	14,000.00	4,200.00		
Mountain Creek	7,500.00	20,000.00	500.00	2,500.00	275.00
Mt. Zion	4,200.00	75,000.00		200.00	100.00
Olive Grove		22,500.00			
*Oxford	12,000.00	152,000.00			
Peace's Chapel		10,000.00			
Pleasant Grove		10,000.00			
Poplar Creek		3,000.00			
Providence	7,000.00	72,000.00	10,000.00		
Rock Spring		15,000.00			
Sharon		3,200.00			
Stovall	10,000.00	42,500.00	4,500.00	1,080.00	240.00
Tabb's Creek		35,000.00	1,971.00		
Tally Ho		3,500.00			
West Oxford		17,500.00			
Totals	$ 103,200.00	$1,059,700.00	$ 68,364.00	$ 6,980.00	$ 1,565.00

*Brotherhood Enrolment—60

TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	1		1	1	1		1	5	4		6	15	8		16		49	38
Creedmoor	Ralph Green, Creedmoor			1	2	2		1	6			9	18	31		18	3	79	69
Florence Ave.	Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.		1			1		1	3		9			14		16	3	42	42
Franklinton	W. A. Simmons, Franklinton, Rt. 1			1	1	1	1		4			18	16	24	5		4	67	50
Grassy Creek	Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Virgilina, Va.		1		1	1	1	1	5		10		7	10	6	12	5	50	
Hester	Mrs. Eloise Bigger, Oxford, Rt. 1		1		1	1	1	1	5		12		19	22	11	9	3	76	53
Island Creek	Mrs. J. R. Sneed, Henderson		1		1	1	1	1	5		13		11	25	18	43		110	44
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Leslie Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		1		1		1	1	4		13		18		12	8	5	51	35
Oxford	T. H. Yancey, Oxford				1	1			2				35	22			5	62	35
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. M. W. Newton, Creedmoor				1	1	1	1	4				11	11	6	20	8	56	35
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Stem, Rt. 1					1			1					18				18	
Stovall	Mrs. M. L. Puckett, Stovall	1	1	1	1	1		2	7	4	4	3	20	19		31		85	45
West Oxford	Willie Saunders, Oxford				1	1			2				12	5				17	7
	Totals	2	6	4	12	13	6	10	53	8	61	36	182	209	58	173	36	762	40†

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Co-operative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools
Amis Chapel	James Elliott, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	$ 250.00	$ 75.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 50.00	$ 25
Brassfield	Mrs. Alvis Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	256.44					
Bullock	F. E. Davis, Bullock	418.00	114.40	105.00	104.43	137.00	
Concord	C. C. Currin, Northside		21.00				
Corinth	Raymond F. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 2	103.25		26.80	55.50	85.10	
Creedmoor	Mrs. Joseph Hester, Creedmoor	74.75		56.95	31.00	89.04	
Dexter	Miss Edna M. Roberson, Henderson, Rt. 3	11.55	90.00	62.22	37.57	6.73	101
Enon	Tyree Woody, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,852.53	221.10	250.00	250.00	360.00	140
Fellowship	Miss Alice Beck, Creedmoor	229.92	75.00				
Florence Ave.	R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va.	203.05	75.00	25.00	25.00	61.35	
Franklinton	Dr. S. E. Eakes, Franklinton	606.20	198.00				
Grassy Creek	C. D. Winston, Nelson, Va.	198.00	177.00	22.15	28.00		
Hester	Raymond A. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	1,750.00	280.00	200.00	275.00	300.00	
Island Creek	G. W. Norwood, Henderson, Rt. 3	600.00	200.00	103.65	143.00	167.00	110
Knott's Grove	J. W. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	415.85	84.00	8.63	37.63	34.18	
Mountain Creek	R. T. Eakes, Oxford, Rt. 4	2,055.26	227.00	20.00	18.00	22.87	
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lillian F. Adcock, Oxford, Rt. 1	50.00	140.00	25.00	96.00	85.00	25
Olive Grove	W. D. Emory, Creedmoor		100.00	55.58	57.77	32.00	
Oxford	W. A. Mitchiner, Oxford	7,874.98	600.00	633.00	450.00	856.00	62
Peace's Chapel	W. S. Howell, Kittrell, Rt. 2	245.55		44.42			
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	33.90	75.00	12.10	9.00	7.50	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. E. L. Raynor, Henderson	51.00	84.00	15.00	5.00	20.00	
Providence	S. Forest Jenkins, Oxford, Rt. 1	515.20	144.00	41.76	31.05	76.66	
Rock Spring	William Reece, Henderson, Rt. 5	247.19	100.00	12.00	15.00	19.00	
Sharon	R. S. Greenway, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	249.00	5.62	60.25	42.30	47.75	
Stovall	Marrow Stovall, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,098.47	125.00	99.20	101.66	116.77	5
Tabb's Creek	D. C. Critcher, Oxford, Rt. 3	72.10	50.00	64.07	48.05	54.10	
Tally Ho	R. T. Clayton, Stem	78.58	111.00	6.75	10.00	20.00	
West Oxford	Mrs. S. E. Beasley, Oxford, Rt. 3	194.00	108.00			23.00	
	Totals	$19,734.77	$ 3,480.12	$ 1,974.53	$ 1,895.96	$ 2,671.05	$ 1,07

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RESSES	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total Local Expense
Rt. 2	$ 150.00	$ 181.14	$	$ 215.00	$ 141.96	$ 100.00	$	$ 110.75	$ 898.85	$ 745.00	$ 1,643.85
1	50.00	335.00		75.00		50.00			510.00	648.00	1,158.00
	120.00	365.26	13,416.88	410.77	113.27	350.00	1,450.00	274.23	16,500.41	683.36	17,183.77
Rt. 2		233.43		84.37	50.00	85.00		13.00	465.80	600.00	1,065.80
2	96.00	78.25	233.54	178.17		225.00		47.22	858.18	600.00	1,458.18
or	245.00	196.42	2,127.35	475.56		225.00	6,862.87	502.72	10,634.92	2,750.00	13,384.92
	140.78	9.00	7,277.14	119.14	47.88	62.00		81.27	7,737.21	345.00	8,082.21
	364.00	2,352.86	519.00	497.16	106.25	212.07		200.00	4,251.34	1,980.00	6,231.34
	80.00	246.18		130.86	65.62	210.00		10.18	742.84	800.00	1,542.84
, Va.	75.00	1,745.00		200.00	50.00	125.00			2,195.00	900.00	3,095.00
	550.00	641.24	627.53	853.74	300.00	100.00		1,438.89	4,511.40	3,450.00	7,961.40
a.	250.00	392.12	3,104.22	215.00	117.00	111.16			4,189.50	1,800.00	5,989.50
	520.00	1,344.31	10,836.40	626.18	390.00	268.00	105.80	146.95	14,237.64	3,508.74	17,746.38
on	848.64	328.09	14,752.19	663.47	322.00	594.93	1,107.00	464.00	19,080.32	600.00	19,680.32
2		230.40	468.00	251.12		236.25	1,204.00		2,389.77	1,800.00	4,189.77
4	372.00	436.29	1,823.44	234.14	92.77	320.00	1,000.00	280.93	4,559.57	1,350.00	5,909.57
Rt. 1	127.00	554.36	2,260.99	331.79		307.95		615.98	4,198 07	1,831.50	6,029.57
		254.05	1,208.88	148.82	18.25	317.20		92.88	2,040.08	1,000.00	3,040.08
	3,090.00	1,941.00	5,013.00	1,242.28		286.00		1,350.97	12,923.25	4,500.00	17,423.25
2	81.55	46.68	50.76	168.56	178.48	258.00		120.00	904.03	762.50	1,666.53
moor	65.00	105.00	543.45	97.68		82.00		15.00	908.13	600.00	1,508.13
3		42.50	23.73	43.12	46.52	50.00		11.29	217.16	500.00	717.16
	216.25	304.44	10,309.84	307.20		275.00	1,000.00	376.85	12,789.58	1,800.00	14,589.58
a.	58.00	72.50		238.20		121.32	1,060.00	227.20	1,777.22	1,300.00	3,077.22
Rt. 2	318.50	40.00		155.22		110.57		189.48	813.77	1,000.00	1,813.77
	475.00	1,190.09	6,697.65	793.29		388.30	170.00	83.21	9,797.54	2,708.00	12,505.54
5		105.75	1,419.00	66.24		100.00		239.05	1,930.04	612.00	2,542.04
	49.50	162.60		45.31				47.90	305.31	400.00	705.31
	193.33	86.47	167.48	155.89	103.35	193.90		2,347.92	3,247.92	1,155.00	4,402.92
	$ 8,535.55	$14,020.43	$82,880.47	$ 9,023.28	$ 2,143.35	$ 5,764.65	$ 13,959.67	$ 9,287.87	$145,614.85	$ 40,729.10	$186,343.95

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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Missionary Baptist Church, "other than a duly organized Missionary Baptist Church which has been a member in good standing for a period of twelve months, or more, with another Missionary Baptist Association, any such Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be received into the Association upon a majority vote of the members present."

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Asso-

ciation, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member for each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various

committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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MESSENGERS—1952 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. George Yancey, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garner, Mr. and Mrs. James Elliott.

BRASSFIELD—Mrs. E. L. Veasey, Garland Catlette, G. B. Allen.

BULLOCK—Mrs. H. P. Pittard, G. W. Royster, Mrs. G. W. Royster, Jack Morgan.

CONCORD—Joe Bryant, Jr., Mrs. Dowell Bennett, Mrs. Harvey Goss.

CORINTH—Frank Averette, Mrs. Clarence Connell, Mrs. Lynwood Currin.

CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Ray Braxton, Mrs. Carl Mangum, Mrs. Aubrey Wheeler, Mrs. Joe Daniel.

DEXTER—Mrs. Lucius Barker, Mrs. W. J. Edwards, J. R. Owen.

ENON—Mrs. Casper Critcher, Mrs. Ellis Averette, Robt. L. Daniel, Carl Ragland.

FELLOWSHIP—Miss Myrtle Whitaker, Alvis Whitaker, J. H. Perry.

FLORENCE AVE.—F. E. Winfree, Miss Bettie Royster, Mrs. Ellen Wilkins.

FRANKLINTON—Rev. T. J. Holmes, P. P. Purnell, Mrs. J. E. Brady, E. G. Rodgers, John Wheelous.

GRASSY CREEK—C. R. Yancey, Mrs. Dennis M. Larkins, Howard Yancey.

HESTER—Mrs. James Dean, Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Mrs. Talton Hughes, A. B. Dean, Mrs. Johnnie C. Currin.

ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. Viola Elliott, C. S. O'Brien, C. H. Guerrant, Mrs. C. H. Guerrant, C. S. Tippett, Sr.

KNOTT'S GROVE—J. F. Dean, Mrs. J. F. Dean, Mrs. Kelly Hughes.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—C. T. Blackwell, Mrs. C. T. Blackwell, O. J. Eakes.

MT. OLIVET—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Blackley, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Billy Mangum, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hunt.

OLIVE GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Perry, Paul Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Keith, Mrs. Paul Chappell.

OXFORD—Sam C. Hall, W. A. Mitchiner, Mrs. Frank Bragg.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—Lee Newton, George Gresham, G. L. Tilley, Bernard Floyd.

PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bennett, Mrs. Elbert Averette.

POPLAR CREEK—Mrs. E. C. Brewer, Mrs. I. D. Hart, R. M. Boyd.

PROVIDENCE—Mrs. Charlie Clark, Glenn Daniel, Miss Lila Piper, Mrs. Flora Mann.

ROCK SPRING—Mr. and Mrs. William Reece, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

SHARON—Clyde Powell, James Gillis, Roy Humphries, Rufus Huff, Mrs. Albert Daniel, Clarence Denny.

STOVALL—L. I. Currin, Mrs. Calvin Frazier, Mrs. Grace Shotwell, Mrs. J. B. Pittard, Mrs. Fred Guthrie.

TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. Frank Sherman, W. M. Brummitt, Osborne Currin.

TALLY HO—Mrs. C. F. Hobgood, Mrs. W. F. Greene, Calvin Wilkins.

TUNGSTEN—Frank Swann, Floyd Thomas, Homer Buchanan, Bruce Belvins, Lloyd Blom.

WEST OXFORD—Rev. Homer I. Nichols, D. F. Lanier, Ollie Moss.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Flat River Association convened with Island Creek Church, October 14, 1952, 10:00 A. M.
Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr., Moderator called the Association to order.
Hymn—"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"
Devotional was led by Rev. W. J. Edwards.
Roll call of Churches.

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The report of Committee on Committees was read by Rev. Ronald E. Rice.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Mrs. Sollie Adcock — Mr. C. S. Tippett
Mrs. E. S. Averette

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COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Mr. Glenn Daniel — Mrs. Kelly Hughes
Mrs. Wilbur O'Briant

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COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. W. A. Mitchiner — Mr. H. W. Currin
Mrs. E. L. Veasey

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Mrs. James Garner — Mrs. George Winston

Mrs. Billy Mangum

Rev. Ronald D. Hicks
Miss Lila Piper
Mr. R. T. Eakes
Committee

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FLAT RIVER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sam C. Hall, Moderator
Rev. Dennis Larkins, Vice-Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk
Dr. Budd Smith, Treasurer

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STANDING COMMITTEE

(Those who will make reports at the Annual Meeting)

W. M. U.	Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
State Missions	Mrs. Franklin Gill
Home Missions	Mrs. Talton Hughes
Foreign Missions	Mrs. J. Thornton Yancey
Sunday School Assoc. Supt.	Mr. F. R. Barlowe
Training Union Assoc. Director	Mr. C. H. Guerrant
Baptist Colleges	Mr. Irvin Adcock
Religious Literature	Mrs. Albert Daniel
Cooperative Program	Rev. Thomas J. Holmes
Orphanage	Mr. J. A. Timberlake
Christian Citizenship	Rev. Oren Bradley
Relief and Annuity	Mr. D. F. Lanier
Baptist Hospital	Miss Gerald Rene Hite

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MEMBERS AT LARGE

	Term Expires
Clifton Walters, W. Sam Hobgood	1953
Dr. James F. Pruitt, Horace Hicks	1954
Ollie Milton, R. T. Eakes	1955
W. A. Mitchiner, G. W. Norwood	1956

PASTORS

Name	*Churches*
M. L. Banister	Oxford
C. H. Beard	Olive Grove
Oren Bradley	Stovall
W. J. Edwards	Dexter, Poplar Creek, Tabb's Creek
E. D. Flowers	Rock Spring
J. C. Gill, Jr.	Bullock, Island Creek
E. W. Greene	Amis Chapel
Hal Helms	Butner
Norman Hicks	Corinth, Peace's Chapel
Ronald D. Hicks	Enon, Mt. Zion
Thomas J. Holmes	Franklinton
Ned Hughes	Tungsten
Dennis M. Larkins	Grassy Creek, Mt. Creek
Robert Liner	Creedmoor
Clyde F. Melton	Knott's Grove, Providence
T. O. Moak	Florence Avenue
Homer I. Nichols	West Oxford
C. H. Norris	Fellowship, Tally Ho
R. D. Speas	Brassfield
Warren Turner	Pleasant Grove, Sharon
Roger E. Williams, Jr.	Hester

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Report on Baptist Hospital was read by Miss Gerald Rene Hight, discussed by Dr. W. K. McGee and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Teaching and healing, two of the principal precepts of Christ's ministry, are the main objectives of your Baptist Hospital, which, together with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College, forms the Medical Center of North Carolina Baptists.

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital was incorporated in 1922 and received its' first patient on May 28, 1923. The present site of eleven acres is located in the Ardmore section of Winston-Salem.

Originally built as an 80-bed institution, the hospital was enlarged in 1942 to a capacity of 250-beds and 50-bassinets. A Nurses Home, Outpatient Building, New West Wing, Children's Wing, and Laundry Building have been added to the original plant. The Medical School was built adjoining the hospital in 1941.

The hospital admitted 10,491 persons as bed-patients and rendered a total of 92,177 days of patient care in 1951.

The New South Wing is now under construction and should be completed by the middle of 1953. It will increase the capacity of the hospital to 450-beds, including bassinets.

The Wake Forest College Medical School was expanded from a two-year to a full four-year medical school in 1941 and renamed the Bowman Gray School

of Wake Forest College in recognition of the benefactors who made the expansion possible.

The School of Nursing began operation with the opening of the hospital in 1923 and graduated its' first class in 1926. A total of 505-students have graduated since then in 26-classes. Normal enrollment in the school is about 150.

Funds received each year in Mother's Day offerings are used exclusively to help pay the hospital expenses of those patients who can pay only a part of their hospitalization or nothing at all. Receipts from the churches on Mothers Day Offerings in 1951 totaled $157,130.88. Approximately forty per cent of the bed patient care and all service rendered through the Out-Patient Department was done without doctor's fees and with the assistance of the Mother's Day Offering.

The hospital provided free service in the amount of $456,788.50 to needy persons in 1951. This was rendered to patients in the hospital and the out-patient clinic and was made possible by individual contributions, welfare agencies, the Duke Endowment and mainly, through the Mother's Day Offering.

The Out-patient Department is operated for the benefit of persons who are not financially able to pay the cost for the medical service they need. In 1951, visits to the out-patient department numbered 48,846.

The Department of Religion was established in the Baptist Hospital in 1945. Its' purpose is to provide a definite religious program for the benefit of the patients, students, and staff members of the hospital and the medical school and to keep the hospital and the denomination close to each other.

Gerald Rene Hight

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Report on Associational Missions was read by Rev. Ronald E. Rice, Field Worker and adopted.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL FIELD WORKER

Your present Field Worker has now been employed 25 months by this Association. Our Associational Program itself is approximately five years old. We feel that the program has been better supported this year than ever before. For this we are grateful.

Substantial improvement has been made in most of our work in the churches this year. Where loss is reported more emphasis should be placed on those organizations. We will not do better unless we plan to do better.

Miles traveled in interest of Association—11,721.
Revivals held—1.
Sunday School Enlargement Campaigns—2.
Study Courses and Promotional Work for Organizations:
W. M. U.—10 services.
B. T. U.—21 services.
S. S.—6 services.
Bro.—1 service.
Sermons Delivered—29.
Other Addresses—16.

Conferences: Individual—234.
Group—28.
Committee—46.

One of the finest programs our churches participated in was the School of Missions last October. No doubt it was responsible in no small measure for the increase in giving to all missionary causes.

For the next nine years North Carolina Baptists have set high goals for our entire missionary program. The churches of Flat River Baptist Association surely will want to do their share.

Let us plan to do better work in our churches.

Let us increase our missionary outreach.

In this critical day we dare not do less than our best for Christ and his Kingdom.

Ronald E. Rice
Field Worker

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Report of Executive Committee was read by the Chairman, Rev. Roger E. Williams, Jr. and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Flat River Baptist Association is composed of all active pastors of churches in the Association, the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year, and eight lay members, two of whom are elected each year by the Association. The Constitution requires that this Committee shall meet at least once each quarter "to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association."

Let us, first of all, consider a summary of the work of the Executive Committee conducted at the quarterly meetings.

A considerable amount of time at each session was devoted to a discussion of the treasurer's report. Most of the churches are now making contributions to the Associational Missions Program in advance, either Annually, Semi-Annually, or by the Month. A few, however, are sending the full amount near the close of the Associational year. The best plan, one which we hope more churches will adopt during the coming year is the monthly payment. This will enable us to meet every obligation as it comes due, month by month, throughout the entire year.

One of the outstanding features of our Associational Calendar during the past year was the School of Missions held in November. We wish to commend the work of the Associational Field Worker, Brother Ronald E. Rice, along with those who assisted him, in arranging such a competent staff of Missionaries as visited our Churches during the week.

We have another splendid opportunity before us this coming November, A School For Deacons, to be held November 18-21. Many of us remember a similar School held in the Association four years ago, benefits from which we are still reaping in our churches.

Due to the difficulty of arranging for convenient locations for the Annual meetings of the Association, a Committee was appointed at the April meeting of the Executive Committee to arrange a suggested schedule of Associational Meetings for Seven Years in advance. This Committee will report on the Second day of this Annual Association.

Numerous other items claimed the attention of the Committee members during the Year, and your moderator appreciates the faithfulness of those who have given their time and effort to its functions. We heartily commend our Field Worker, Rev. Ronald E. Rice, to all the churches with the assurance that he will serve you whenever possible.

Roger E. Williams, Jr.
(Chairman)

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A change in Article II, Section III of the Constitution was recommended by the Executive Committee as follows:

PROPOSED AMMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Executive Committee of the Flat River Baptist Association proposes the following ammendment to the Constitution of the Flat River Baptist Association: Article II, Section 3

Any Missionary Baptist church, "other than a duly organized Missionary Baptist Church which has been a member in good standing for a period of twelve months, or more, with another Missionary Baptist Association, any such church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be received into the Association upon a majority vote of the members present."

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All Pastors in the Association together with their wives were called to the front and presented by the Moderator.

A brief report on Wake Forest and Chowan Colleges was given by Dr. Aycock and Rev. Oscar Creech respectively.

Announcements by the host pastor, Rev. John C. Gill, Jr.

Adjourn.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"Living For Jesus"
Devotional was led by Rev. E. D. Flowers.

ELECTION OF GENERAL OFFICERS

On motion Sam C. Hall was elected Moderator; Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, Vice-Moderator; Sam A. Howard, Clerk and Dr. Budd E. Smith, Treasurer.

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A letter from Butner Church was read by the Moderator and voted to be incorporated in the minutes.

September 24, 1952

The Rev. Mr. Roger Williams
Moderator, Flat River Baptist Association
Oxford, North Carolina
Dear Brother Williams:

On Sunday, September 7, 1952, the Butner Baptist Church in regular conference voted, upon the recommendation of its deacons, to petition the Flat River Baptist Association for membership in that body.

We have written to the Rev. W. Bryant Carr, moderator of the Yates Association, of which we are now a member, and asked for a letter of dismissal and recommendation to the Flat River Association.

We ask, therefore, that whatever steps necessary be taken to receive us under the watchcare of the Flat River Association, and upon the receipt of the letter of recommendation from the Yates Association, into the full fellowship and membership of the association.

Sincerely yours,
Hal M. Helms

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The following motion was made and carried.

I move that we receive the Butner Baptist Church into the Association, under watch care, until such time of constitutional change and then into full fellowship.

Oren Bradley

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In absence of Auditor the following report was read by Mr. D. F. Lanier and adopted.

October 13, 1952

This is to certify that the records of Mr. D. F. Lanier, Treasurer, have been examined and have been satisfactorily kept and the balance shown corresponds with the balance of the Oxford National Bank, Oxford, N. C.

M. S. Currin, Auditor

The report of the Budget Committee was read by Rev. M. L. Banister, and adopted.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1952-1953

Salaries

Field Worker	$2,300.00	
Clerk	60.00	
Treasurer	60.00	
		$2,420.00

Operating Expenses

House Rent for Field Worker	$ 600.00	
Office rent for Field Worker	240.00	
Office telephone for Field Worker	75.00	
Travel expense for Field Worker (5¢ per mile up to 11,520 miles, or not to exceed)	576.00	
Office supplies for the Field Worker	150.00	
Minister's Retirement Fund for Field Worker	132.00	
Convention expenses for Field Worker	125.00	
Printing (including Minutes)	200.00	
Incidentals	100.00	
		$2,198.00

Promotion

Training Union	$ 50.00	
W. M. U.	50.00	
Sunday School	50.00	
Radio Program of the Flat River Baptist Hour	300.00	
		$450.00
Total to be raised by the churches	$5,068.00	
State Convention's supplement to Field Worker's Salary	1,200.00	
Grand Total Budget		$6,268.00

Mrs. Frank Averette
Frank Hicks
M. L. Banister, Chm.

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Report on State Missions was read by Mrs. W. A. Simmons.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

There has been much progress made during the past twenty-five years in our State Mission program, and the results are most gratifying. Realizing though that more than one-half of the people in our State are not professing Christians we dare not become satisfied with this progress.

There are many places in our State where the light of Christ's love is not shining, where economic and social distinctions have kept people from the Light. There are dark places where creeds have denied to lost people their right to come to the Light. There are Jericho roads all over North Carolina and you and I travel them every day. Their needs are urgent—tomorrow may be too late.

Everyone who acknowledges Christ as Saviour and Lord accepts "Go ye"—"Be my witnesses" as his marching orders. Dr. J. B. Lawrence has said, "Christ located for us the strategic point of approach to our world mission task. He began the task of planting His religion in the world from His own homeland. His entire ministry, outside of one brief visit to the coast of Tyre and Sidon, was confined to His own people." Christ began by building the home base for His world program.

We must make our State Christian in order that we might have a more Christian nation. How can we as individual Baptist Christians make our State more Christian? We can study our State Mission program. We can give more sacrificially to its support. We can have a deeper concern for the lost in our State and continue to pray, to seek, to visit, and to witness until every lost person in our State is won to Christ and enlisted in His service.

Mrs. Wayne A. Simmons

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Report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. Kelly Hughes.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Board employs 745 Missionaries, maintains a student summer mission program, provides a scholarship for promising Negroes. It conducts missions among the Spanish, Italians, French, Chinese, Japanese, the Indians, Jews, Migrants, and the Deaf.

It ministers also through Rural and Mt. Missions, City Missions, Goodwill Centers, and Rescue Missions.

The Home Mission Board has been in existence 107 yrs. and has expanded until today it stretches from the shores of the Atlantic to the Golden Gate, and reaches Northward to Alaska, and Southward to Cuba.

In this territory of the Board there are 1,000,000 Migrants, 2,700,000 isolated Mt. people, 70,000 deaf, 1,000,000 Jews, 250,000 Indians, 9,500,000 economically underprivileged, and 10,500,000 Negroes who need a special ministry.

It must be evident that no Mission Board can furnish enough Missionaries to evangelize all these unreached people, they can only serve as a spearhead to open doors of opportunity for our Churches to enter and serve as witnesses for our Lord.

The work of the Home Mission Board deserves our prayers, backed up by our tithes in order that more work may be accomplished, and more people brought to a saving knowledge of our Christ.

Flat River Association designated $3,068.97, mostly through the Annie Armstrong offering, others included in gifts to Cooperation Program.

Mrs. Kelly Hughes

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Report on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. W. A. Mitchiner.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The message on Foreign Missions should have been given by one of you men because so many of you think of Missions as being the work of the women. There are very few women in this group who are not members of a Woman's Missionary Society and they are already informed on Foreign Missions, whereas probably there are men in this group and men and women who are members of Missionary Baptist Churches in our Asso. who do not believe in Foreign Missions. Every man and woman should remember the words of the Lord Jesus who said, in Mark 16:15 "Go ye into *all* the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"—Did Jesus mean Foreign Missions when He said in Luke 24:47 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning in Jerusalem."

If we believe that Jesus said "Love one another" how can we say that He didn't mean for us to tell the world about Him?

Since there are 13 people outside of the U. S. to every 1 person in the U. S. it will take a great number of workers to tell them about Jesus who died for them. At the present time we give $1 for this work outside of U. S. to $31 spent for this work inside thus we see that the Foreign Mission Board's income is far too small in proportion to its task.

Many of us pray for Foreign Missions but our "money gives our prayers feet."

Let us realize that our offerings for Foreign Missions thru the Cooperative Program and thru our Lottie Moon Christmas offering can speak many languages that you and I can't speak.

As we give we know that we are doing what Jesus commanded when He said, "Go ye therefore and teach *all nations,* baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

Mrs. W. A. Mitchiner

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Report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Asso. Superintendent, after discussion and address by Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, these reports were adopted.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

The object of Woman's Missionary Union is to distribute missionary information and stimulate missionary effort; to secure the earnest, sympathetic coopera-

tion of women and young people in giving money for the mission program of Southern Baptist Convention. To this end, we enlist and develop our women and young people in the practice of the following fundamentals: Prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible and world missions, tithes and offerings, community missions and missionary education of young people.

Of the thirty-one churches in Flat River Association, twenty-eight have Women's Missionary Societies, eleven have Young Women's Auxiliaries, eighteen have Girls' Auxiliaries, fourteen have Royal Ambassador Chapters and seventeen have Sunbeam Bands. This means that the 1154 women in a Woman's Missionary Society and the 843 young people in Young Peoples' Organizations in Flat River Association, are enlisted in and are being developed in the practice of:

First: Prayer—through personal devotions and family worship, promotion of cottage prayer meetings and Intercessory Prayer League, observance of the special weeks of prayer for Foreign, Home and State Missions and the study of approved books on Prayer.

Second: Study—study of the missionary message of the Bible, world missions through Woman's Missionary Union missionary magazines, and missionary books and periodicals.

Third: Tithes and offerings—supporting with the tithe the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptist according to the local church plan of giving; offerings in the Seasons of Prayer: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions in December; Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in March and State Mission Offering in September. These have been recognized by our denomination as over and above offerings for missions, approved by Southern Baptist Convention as part of their financial plan, and should not become only an item in a church budget. To write them in a church budget and pay on a fixed amount basis as other budget items, is, we believe, a violation both of the spirit and purpose of these special offerings. Listen to Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Secretary to the Foreign Mission Board, as he speaks in an editorial in the November 1951 Commission: "A primary value of these offerings lies in the fact that they are special, that they are over-and-above our regular contributions. They are projected on the basis that the regular support of all our denominational work comes through the Cooperative Program. These offerings represent an added emphasis for missions, at home and abroad; they give special expression to the outreach of our compassion for people beyond our immediate programs and our own borders."

Fourth: Community Missions—witnessing where we are in winning souls and striving to meet the spiritual needs of our own communities is Community Missions. Here is the putting into actual practice, the dedication of time, talent and money in Christian Stewardship.

Fifth: Christian Education of Young People—This is one of the primary concerns of Woman's Missionary Society through the fostering of Young People's Organizations in our churches. Through this fostering the Woman's Missionary Society has the responsibility of giving to each child the right impressions of missions while he is able to accept them readily. We need a deeper conviction of our responsibility to place special and adequate mission training in reach of all Southern Baptist young people. Of the twenty-eight Woman's Missionary Societies of the Flat River W.M.U., eight reported no young people's organizations at all; only nine reported full graded unions; that leaves eleven with only a fraction of the full program of missionary education, every church should have for it's young people.

Let the churches of Flat River Association look anew on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. Our task has just begun.

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Supt.

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Announcements and closing prayer by the Moderator.
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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

This session convened at Tally Ho Church.
Hymn—"Come Thou Almighty King"
Devotional was led by Rev. Homer Nichols.

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Report on Religious Literature was read by Miss Lila Piper, discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

For N. C. Baptists, we have the Biblical Recorder which is our only means of promoting *all* Baptist work in every home each week. This publication now goes into approximately 50,000 homes each week carrying the Gospel message, Baptist news, promotional material for all phases of our work, and inspirational messages for all members of the family. Does it come to your home? If not, then can you truthfully call yours a "good Baptist home."

The Southern Baptist Convention, in session at Miami last May, pledged to bring the circulation of its state papers to the one million mark by the next Convention. Of that increase N. C. has pledged 5,000 new subscriptions to its paper. Just what that increase will mean to us when it is broken down on the associational basis, I don't know, but I'm sure we must be near the bottom of the list in regard to churches on the Every Family Plan. According to the 1951 minutes only five of our Flat River churches were seeing that every resident family was receiving the Recorder. I assume that the other 24 churches use the Club Plan and are receiving at least some. We would recommend that pastors and church officials prayerfully consider what can be done in your church to place our state paper in the homes of its members. To have the state paper in every home would mean that the total life and work of the church would be undergirded. It would mean that a new "assistant pastor" is at work, a "new field worker" would be on the job for every agency. Remember The Biblical Recorder ENLISTS, it INFORMS, it INSPIRES, it INDOCTRINATES, it UNIFIES our people as they work and witness together.

Filling another great need is the Charity and Children, which carries an

abundance of good reading for all as well as news of our Baptist Orphanage. The Commission and The Home Mission Magazine, offered by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, supplement our state periodical in promoting the mission phase of our work. Also along this line we have the periodicals of the W. M. U. which are familiar to those affiliated with these organizations.

Then there is a tremendous amount of literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, in fact there are 67 different periodicals available to us from this source to use as material in the work of our churches. Representative are The Builder for Sunday School leaders and The Training Union Magazine for that organization, and the various quarterlies for all age groups. I would like to mention two of the newer publications from the Board—The Church Musician for those of our churches responsible for that part of our program, and The Home Life, the Christian Family Magazine, which is filling a great need among our Baptist homes.

Much of the spiritual vitality, both in the home and the church, is lost because we are not careful about our reading. If we would grow spiritually and seek to be used effectively in the Lord's service then we must follow Paul's admonition to young Timothy to "give attention to reading."

Lila Piper

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Report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Mrs. Frank Averette, discussed by Dr. W. C. Reed and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

During the past year there has been great activity at both homes of your Orphanage. Under the leadership of Superintendents W. A. Smith of Kennedy Home and C. A. Kearns of Mills Home the affairs of these large families have been so directed as to develop among the children and employees an excellent spirit of cooperation and fair play.

One big task this year has been to see that the terms of the Idol wills were carried out in the erection of certain memorial buildings. In keeping with the wishes of the Idols $100,000.00 of their gift was placed in endowment. The income from this is to be used exclusively to keep the memorial buildings in repair. The remainder of their bequest is now being used as they specified—to erect a church, an Infirmary and a Print Shop.

The Print Shop was completed recently and has been named the Robert M. Idol Memorial Building. The Infirmary is nearing completion and will be named the Lelia M. Idol Memorial Building. The church with forty-six classrooms is under contract and will be built as soon as steel can be secured. It will be named the Sarah Masten Idol Memorial Building in honor of the Mother of the donors.

In addition to the above we have completed at Mills Home a new cottage for girls, the first in more than twelve years. Then we have completely remodeled three of our oldest cottages. At one time it was thought they would have to be replaced by new ones, but now they are among the best on the campus. By remodeling we saved enough money to enable us to launch a

project which will meet one of our greatest needs.

Mills Home has long felt the need of a place for the children to play. Now we are developing the I. G. Greer Recreation Center. The main unit here is a Physical Education Building which is under construction and should be completed before Christmas.

During the past year we cared for a total of seven hundred twenty-five children. In addition to these our Social Service staff investigated the applications of six hundred eighty-four children and in many instances, helped to find them a home where they could be cared for. This you have financed through the time honored plan of the once-a-month offering. This year there has been very little increase in the once-a-month offering. In planning for your Thanksgiving offering please bear in mind that prices everywhere continue to rise. The cost of operating the Orphanage is no exception. Hence, if every Baptist will add a little extra to his Thanksgiving offering it will enable us to continue to meet the ever increasing demands of the needy children who look to us for their chance in life.

Mrs. Frank H. Averett

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In absence of the author the report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. W. J. Edwards.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Sunday School work is more firmly established among our churches than any other of our organizations. The idea of Sunday School does not need to be sold to the average Baptist Church. Its value is proven. While it is primarily a Bible-teaching agency, the Sunday School also functions as our finest evangelistic arm. It also affords an every-Sunday opportunity for the promotion of all our Church program. All of this good work is done by an army of volunteer teachers and officers. We extend our appreciation to the 31 Superintendents in the churches of our Association, and to the host of men and women who lead our Sunday School programs in those churches.

Southern Baptists know how to build Sunday Schools. If we do not do so it must be because we refuse to take advantage of the experience of the years, and the literature provided by outstanding denominational leaders.

Most of our Sunday Schools have shown improvement in enrollment during the past year. Part of this improvement reflects the addition of new Sunday School rooms, or better use of those already in existence. Our Sunday School enrollment in the Association increased by 445 during the year. We believe that Vacation Bible Schools were held by all of the churches even though some were not reported. Enrollment in Bible School showed a loss of 99; we should better this in the coming year.

Five rules of Sunday School growth and efficiency laid down by Dr. Arthur Flake, one of pioneer Southern Baptist Sunday School workers, are as relevant today as they were when he first called attention to them.

1. Know your prospects.
2. Provide new classes.
3. Train teachers and officers.
4. Regular visitation.
5. Adequate Records.

It is not too much to say that every one of the Sunday Schools of our Association could do even better work this year if they would pay close and consistent attention to each of these rules which have been proven by the experience of years. To debate their value in Sunday School work would be as foolish as to question the need of our bodies for food.

In the Sunday Schools of our Association we badly need more Teacher-training courses. Some of our schools need to be fully departmentized. Many new classes should be organized. We hope much of this can be accomplished this year.

F. R. Barlowe,
Assoc. Sunday School Supt.

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Report on Training Union was read by Mr. C. H. Guerrant.

REPORT ON THE ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

The Baptist Training Union is the most varied in its benefits of any organization in the Baptist Church. It has as its definite purpose that of training our people in church membership. The Training Union motto is "We learn by doing." The scripture verse is 2 Timothy 2:15; "Study to show Thyself approved unto God a workman needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." We are training to be useful Christians in our churches consecrated to the Lord's will. One of the aims of the Training Union is to nurture and cultivate in our people the Christlike life helping them to manifest the higher call of Christ in holy living.

The Training Union with these and many other benefits which we have not mentioned is needed in every church in the Flat River Association.

We have made some progress this year in our Training Union work. We have organized two unions, Knott's Grove and Tungsten; also lost two. Peace's Chapel lost their Union and have restored it again. They are doing some wonderful work now. This leaves 13 Training Unions in the association which is the same as last year. We have enrolled 895 in Training Union. An increase of 133 from last year.

This year we have held our four quarterly Mass meetings. At this time we invite all the churches to come together in one church. There we report on our achievements, give and receive some of our best ideas on Training Union work. Our Mass meetings were held at the following churches, December with West Oxford with 210 present; March with Bullock with 217 present; June with Franklinton with 162 present; and September with Knott's Grove with 83 present. There has been much interest shown at these meetings and a fine spirit of fellowship and well attended by the Pastors.

We urge you fellow christians to help us to enlist every member in the association in Training Union. We have near ten thousand enrolled in our thirty-one churches with only 895 in training for better service for the Lord. We covet your prayers and your help that we may have a Training Union in every church in the Flat River Association.

C. H. Guerrant
Associational Training Union Director

Report on Baptist Colleges was read by Rev. C. H. Beard. These reports were discussed by Dr. Phil Elliott and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST COLLEGES

Our Baptist schools and colleges have become a life giving stream for our denomination. These colleges and seminaries train practically all our missionaries. Of the 827 working under our Foreign Mission Board in January of this year, 806 attended a Southern Baptist college.

North Carolina Baptists have seven colleges—Two senior: Meredith and Wake Forest; five junior: Mars Hill, Campbell, Gardner-Webb, Wingate and Chowan; and the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. There are 5,000 students enrolled in these Baptist institutions. 500 of these 5,000 students are being trained for full-time work in some department of our denominational life after graduation. There are 300 trained men and women employed in the administration and operation of these colleges. The Trustees of these colleges are named by the Baptist State Convention and hold title to their physical properties. These colleges have a net worth of more than $15,000,000 and an annual operating expenditure of $3,000,000. North Carolina Baptists through the Cooperative Program contribute $400,000 annually to their operating costs.

Each year there are approximately 15,000 Baptist boys and girls graduating from standard high schools in North Carolina. Of these 15,000 who graduate from high school, not more than 4,000 of them go to any college, and of those who do go not more than one out of four of the Baptist boys and girls will go to a Baptist college. All of this means that, whereas we are now getting 1,000 boys and girls to enroll in our seven Baptist colleges each year, there are 3,000 others enrolling in other colleges, and there are at least 11,000 Baptist young people graduating from high school and not going to any college every year.

One of the major objectives of the Nine Year Program is the improvement of our Baptist colleges. The removal plans of Wake Forest are progressing on schedule. They expect to move to Winston-Salem during th summer of 1954.

Along with the colleges the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, is located at Wake Forest. The location of this seminary should be of distinct advantage to the churches of this area.

There are some matters concerning our Baptist colleges about which we should do some serious thinking. One is the comparatively small percentage of our Baptist students attending these colleges. Southern Baptists are by far the lowest of all the major denominations in the percentage of their membership enrolled in their own educational institutions. In the entire Convention, fewer than one in six of Southern Baptists in college today are in our own colleges, yet a major share of our Christian leadership must come from that one-sixth.

We should seek to direct more of our Baptist students to attend our own colleges. These colleges are as economical and in most cases are as scholarly as the others in the area. The Junior College is definitely meeting a need in Christian education. It has a number of advantages and presents many opportunities, which cannot be discussed here. Any student would do well to consider very seriously one of our Baptist junior colleges before making definite plans to enroll in any college.

Secondly, we should remember that these colleges are a part of the denomination; they are ours. If they fulfill the purpose of God, and the purpose for

which they were founded, it will be because *we* have made them do so. No one is going to do the job if we don't.

Thirdly, we as Baptists should insist that these colleges be doctrinally sound and morally pure. There should be such a high spiritual and moral environment on the campuses of these colleges that every student who attends them should be brought closer to Christ for whose glory these colleges exist. There is a greater danger of moral letdown on these campuses; therefore, this should be watched with all diligence. The faculties should be composed of men and women of moral and spiritual integrity, but at the same time their salary should be such as to attract those of recognized scholarship.

C. H. Beard

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On motion the Association voted to change Article II, Section III of the Constitution as recommended by Executive Committee.

Motion made and carried that Mt. Olivet Church be received in full fellowship.

Rev. J. R. Regan, Methodist Minister was recognized by the Moderator.

Announcement and closing prayer by the host Pastor, Rev. C. H. Norris.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"Marching to Zion"

Devotional was led by Rev. Thomas J. Holmes.

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Report on Cooperative Program was read by Rev. Oren Bradley, discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Much has been said in this Associational Meeting about the Great Commission of Jesus. We as Christians are obligated to propagate the gospel into every part of the world. The condition of the world, the cries of lost humanity, and the appeal in the Scriptures make it imperative that we give more diligent service and more liberal support to world missions.

Baptists have devised the Cooperative Program as a means of directing their material resources into a balanced effort to go into all the world. The Cooperative Program has developed over a period of years. More and more as our people have adopted it, we have seen the supression of giving to an appeal and stewardship prompted by bias opinions and improper motives. It has given us a stewardship based upon the Scriptual teachings of God's will.

The Cooperative Program is to our Baptist work what a great irrigation dam is to the land around it. Mountain streams and rivers gush down their

courses giving off only beauty, and often destruction, from their power until harnessed and stored by the great reservoir. So the gifts to the Cooperative Program trickle like a little stream from our smaller church to mingle with the rivers of liberality from our larger and stronger chuches, pooling their forces into mighty powers for the cause of missions around the world.

Like the life-giving waters from the irrigation reservoir the collective force and life-saving power of the mission gifts through the Cooperative Program can be released to the most remote field of Baptist work. Through the budgets of our conventions and agencies the flow of Baptist mission support can be directed to the place of greatest need.

Thus through Baptists' Program of cooperation the few cents given by a little child or the dollars of a philanthropist find their way into all the world with the gospel.

Oren Bradley

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Report on Christian Citizenship was read by Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, discussed by Mr. Thomas W. Allen and adopted.

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Report of Committee on Nominations was read by Mrs. Sollie Adcock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

W. M. U. ---- Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
State Missions ---- Mrs. Franklin Gill
Home Missions ---- Mrs. Talton Hughes
Foreign Missions ---- Mrs. Thornton Yancey
Sunday School Asso. Supt. ---- Mr. F. R. Barlowe
Training Union Asso. Director ---- Mr. C. H. Guerrant
Baptist Colleges ---- Mr. Irvin Adcock
Religious Literature ---- Mrs. Albert Daniel
Cooperative Program ---- Rev. Thomas J. Holmes
Orphanage ---- Mr. J. A. Timberlake
Christian Citizenship ---- Rev. Oren Bradley
Relief and Annuity ---- Mr. D. F. Lanier
Baptist Hospital ---- Miss Gerald Rene Hite
Executive Committee ---- Mr. W. A. Mitchiner, Mr. G. W. Norwood

Mrs. Sollie Adcock
Mr. C. S. Tippett
Mrs. E. S. Averette
Committee

Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Mrs. Kelly Hughes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—October 13-14.
Place—
Preacher—Rev. Dennis M. Larkins
Alternate—Rev. Norman Hicks

Mrs. Kelly Hughes
Mr. Roy Grissom
Committee

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Committee appointed by the Executive Committee on Place of Meeting offered the following recommendation which was accepted.

A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

For the past several years it has become increasingly difficult to have in hand at the Annual Meeting invitations from churches which would like to entertain the Association the succeeding year. This is not due to the fact that any of our churches are reluctant to share in the responsibility and privilege that is inherent with membership in an Association; but, usually it is simply due to the fact that no one has proposed that an invitation be extended.

Recognizing this, the Executive Committee, at the April meeting this year, gave serious consideration to the matter. It was learned that a number of other Associations have a schedule of meetings prepared in advance for a definite period of years; thus enabling a congregation to know for many years ahead just when it would be their turn to be host for the annual meeting.

It was finally decided that a committee, composed of the Moderator and Field Worker, should work out a proposed schedule of Associational Annual Meetings for seven years in advance. The committee did not have complete records of previous meetings in the Association, but in the light of the records available, we suggest the following schedule:

YEAR	FIRST DAY	SECOND DAY
1953	Creedmoor	Mountain Creek
1954	Dexter	Fellowship
1955	West Oxford	Florence Avenue
1956	Hester	Butner
1957	Peace's Chapel	Bullock
1958	Brassfield	Tabb's Creek
1959	Providence	Olive Grove

Roger E. Williams, Jr. Moderator
Ronald E. Rice, Field Worker

Report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. W. A. Mitchiner, and adopted.

To the members of Island Creek and Tally Ho and their Pastors we wish to express our deep appreciation for your kind and gracious hospitality.

To our retiring Moderator, Rev. Roger Williams, who has served us so efficiently we are indeed grateful.

We accept the challenge which has been forcibly presented to us through the heartwarming messages of the visiting speakers and of our own associational members. As we look on the fields which are already white unto harvest, we are inspired to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

H. W. Currin
Mrs. E. L. Veasey
Mrs. William A. Mitchiner

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Report on Relief and Annuity in absence of the author was read by Rev. Norman Hicks, discussed by Rev. Ronald Rice and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

All of our churches should feel a sense of responsibility toward their aged ministers. The Relief and Annuity Board provides a means of discharging this responsibility in a sensible and thoroughly Christian way.

It offers some grants to needy ministers directly. Offerings are received from the churches for this purpose.

However, the backbone of the plan is the provision whereby the minister, the churches the pastors, and the denomination cooperate in contributing 10 percent of his salary toward an annuity to be provided in his declining years.

In the North Carolina plan the minister contributes 4 per cent, his church 4 per cent, and the State Convention 2 per cent. It is an excellent plan for all concerned. But far more of our ministers need to be in it.

In Flat River Association only 15 ministers out of 22 are participating in the Relief and Annuity plan. We hope this proportion will be continually improved.

Lee Newton

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Report on Obituaries was read by Mrs. B. B. Wilkins followed with special prayer by Rev. E. G. Usry.

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

AMIS CHAPEL—Mrs. Myrtle Stovall, Mrs. Ella Williams.
BULLOCK—Mrs. C. L. Overby.
CONCORD—Mr. Aris Parrott.

CORINTH—Mr. Robert L. Frazier, Mr. Ernest Daniel.
CREEDMOOR—Deacon Carl Mangum, Deacon Ed Cottrell, Mrs. Nannie Chappell, Mr. Jack Dixon.
DEXTER—Mr. Bailey Barker, Mr. L. G. Blackwell.
ENON—Mrs. Wash Currin, Mrs. Cornelia O'Brian Critcher.
FELLOWSHIP—Mrs. Luna Beck, Mr. John B. Belvin, Mr. T. C. Wilkins.
FLORENCE AVENUE—Mrs. Mamie Bray, Miss Daisy Brooks, Miss Florence Cliborne.
FRANKLINTON—Mr. H. C. Henly, Mr. J. S. Layton, Mr. B. A. Fuller, Mr. John Whitfield, Mrs. R. C. White, Mr. H. S. Pearce, Deacon, Mrs. Bessie Perry, Mr. Sidney Doke.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. J. A. Yancey, Mrs. Minnie Y. Clack, Mrs. C. B. Loftis, Mr. Johnny Elliott.
HESTER—Mr. John L. Ragland, Mr. Granville G. Ragland, Mr. Melvin Denny, Mr. Peter G. Pruitt, Mr. Thomas R. Currin, Mr. Edward F. Oakes, Mr. Talton T. Hughes.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. James Howard O'Brien, Mr. John Williamson.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mr. Fielding Knott, Deacon.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mrs. Maggie Bailey, Mrs. Lena O'Bryant, Mrs. Addie F. Elliott King.
MT. ZION—Mr. J. R. Daniel, Deacon, Mr. Tom Hart, Miss Bessie Howard.
OXFORD—Mr. Thomas Harris, Miss Hallie Fuller, Mrs. H. J. Council, Mr. J. F. Reams, Mr. W. R. Frazier, Mr. Bruce Walters, Mrs. Silas Elliott, Mrs. G. N. Daniel.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. W. S. West, Mr. Leo Newton, Mr. Ernest Newton.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. O. V. Yeargin.
ROCK SPRING—Mrs. Sue Bowling, Mrs. Frances Strumb, Mrs. Charlie Norwood, Mrs. Frances Richardson Murphy, Mr. John H. Matthews.
STOVALL—Mr. George Wilson, Mr. Joe Lunsford, Mr. Walter G. O'Brien.
TABB'S CREEK—Mr. J. P. A. Newton, Mr. Buckston Guerrant.
TALLY HO—Mrs. Sudie Hopkins Davis, Miss Annie Longmire.
WEST OXFORD—Mr. Z. C. Mangum, Deacon, Miss Juanita Broyal, Mrs. T. R. Lanier.

Mrs. B. B. Wilkins
Committee

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Doctrinal Sermon—preached by Rev. John C. Gill, Jr.
Hymn—"Bless Be The Tie That Binds"
Closing prayer by Rev. Ronald E. Rice.
The Association Adjourned.

Roger E. Williams, Jr., *Moderator*
Sam A. Howard, *Clerk*

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. J. L. Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	54	11	9	12	32	118	118	8
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1	1		1	1	4	15	16		5	9	45	34	14
Concord	Mrs. Leon Coley, Stem	1					1	17					17		
Corinth	Mrs. Raymond F. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	30	18	13	11	14	86	74	10
Creedmoor	Mrs. A. O. Curl, Creedmoor	1	1	1		1	4	46	22	13		15	96	35	8
Dexter	Mrs. Graham Owen, Sr., Henderson, Rt. 3	1		1	1	1	4	22		10	10	8	50		17
Enon	Mrs. Robt. Lee Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	64	11	24	21	30	150	125	37
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.	1					1	14					14		5
Franklinton	Mrs. W. T. Hutchins, Franklinton	1		1		1	3	70		15		25	110	19	10
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Geo T. Winston, Virgilina, Va.	1					1	21					21		10
Hester	Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Oxford	1	1	1	2	1	6	88	11	24	28	34	185	154	25
Island Creek	Mrs. Sidney O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1	1	2	1	1	6	59	15	26	17	17	134	100	28
Knott's Grove	Mrs. W. H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	1					1	28					28		3
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Annie Mae Clark, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	55	12	24	12	39	132	172	11
Mt. Olivet	Mrs. E. L. Blackley, Franklinton, Rt. 1	1					1	25					25	25	2
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Harry Newton, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	55	17	30	20	38	160	103	23
Olive Grove	Mrs. Grover Keith, Northside, Rt. 1	1					1	14					14	14	
Oxford	Mrs. R. M. Ray, Jr., Oxford	1		1		1	3	215		14		50	279	235	31
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Clifton Walters, Oxford, Rt. 3	1				1	2	24				16	40	28	2
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Russell Averette, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	1					1	12					12	8	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. B. M. Crews, Henderson, Rt. 4	1					1	22					22	15	3
Providence	Mrs. R. N. Watkins, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	48	65	21	13	60	165	127	31
Rock Spring	Mrs. George Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	16		16	8	12	52		
Sharon	Mrs. John R. Williams, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	30	11	15	6	19	81	20	
Stovall	Mrs. Oren Bradley, Stovall	2	1	2	1	1	7	48	19	35	16	24	142	70	34
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. S. S. Parham, Oxford	1		1	1		3	28		9	7		44		3
Tally Ho	Mrs. L. D. Franklin, Stem						1	38					38		3
West Oxford	Mrs. W. H. Long, Oxford	1	1	1			3	37	7	15			59		8
	Totals	29	13	19	15	17	93	1195	235	313	186	442	2318	1536	326

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget
Amis Chapel	R	1854	2-4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	7	7	6	254	63	317	1	8		Yes
Brassfield	R	1823	1-3	R. D. Spear, Wake Forest	5	1	1	87	11	98	1			No
Bullock	V	1904	All	J. C. Gill, Jr., Bullock	5	10	7	131	49	180	1	17	Yes	No
Concord	R	1782	2-4	Guilford Daugherty, Duke Uni., Durham		3	7			126	1		No	No
Corinth	R	1832	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	14	6	15	182	55	237	1		No	Yes
Creedmoor	T	1895	All		5	8	8	192	46	238	1	10	No	Yes
Dexter	R	1906	2-4	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	8	3	14	115	108	223	1	7	No	No
Enon	R		All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	14	10	12	310	101	411	1	37	Yes	No
Fellowship	R	1840	1-3		1	3	5			244	1			
Florence Ave.	V		All	E. U. Hoover, Virgilina, Va.	20	1	12	75	47	122	1	8	No	Yes
Franklinton	T		All	Norman J. Holmes, Franklinton	14	33	28	341	97	438		18	Yes	No
Grassy Creek	R	1754	All	Dennis M. Larkin, Oxford	15	4	29	222	232	454	1	10	No	Yes
Hester	R	1823	All	Roger E. Williams, Jr., Oxford	34	13	18	527	34	561	1	25	No	Yes
Island Creek	R	1822	All	J. C. Gill, Jr., Bullock	14	10	4	325	199	524	1	65	Yes	No
Knott's Grove	R	1901	All	Clyde F. Melton, Oxford	9	3	3	93	56	149	1	3	No	
Mountain Creek	R	1860	All	Dennis M. Larkin, Oxford	8	11	13	377	105	482	1	20	No	Yes
Mt. Olivet	R	1865	All		4		5			242	1	2	Yes	No
Mt. Zion	V	1848	All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	5	2	13	276	76	352	1	30	No	No
Olive Grove	R		All	C. H. Beard, Wake Forest	2	4	6	200	79	279	1	2		
Oxford	C	1848	All	M. L. Banister, Oxford	51	35	47	978	394	1372		68	No	Yes
Peace's Chapel	R	1887	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	10	2	14	216	137	353	1	3	No	No
Pleasant Grove	R	1858	2-4	Warren Turner, Wake Forest	12		1	185	20	205	1		No	Yes
Poplar Creek	R		2-4	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	1	1	2	77	27	104	1		No	No
Providence	V	1907	All	Clyde F. Melton, Oxford	17	10	7	317	53	370	1	36	No	Yes
Rock Spring	R	1886	1-3	E. D. Flowers, Jr., Wake Forest	10	9	14	143	123	266	1			
Sharon	R	1896	All	Warren Turner, Wake Forest	3		15	212	30	242	1	25		
Stovall	V	1886	All	Oren Bradley, Stovall	19	7	18	508	212	720	1	35	Yes	No
Tabb's Creek	R	1906	1-3	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	1	6	4	115	95	217	1	4	No	Yes
Tally Ho	R		-3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	13		4			148	1	3	No	No
Tungsten	V	1950	2-4	Ned Hughes	26					93	2			
West Oxford	C	1910	All	Homer I. Nichols, Oxford		10	4	189		189	1	12	No	No
				Totals	347	212	336	6644	2449	9956	30	448	6	11

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments		Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	January Bible Study	Vacation Bible School Enrolment
Amis Chapel	John Bradsher, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2			17	20	25	25	40	100				227	Yes	81
Brassfield	E. L. Veasey, Franklinton, Rt. 1			7	7	9	12	10	25				70	No	50
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock		5	10	8	20	19	24	33		1		120		81
Concord	Joe Bryant, Jr., Me. Orph., Raleigh				22	23		15	32		3		95	No	44
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2			10	12	23	14	15	57				131	No	77
Creedmoor	Aubrey Wheeler, Creedmoor		15	17	20	36	30	25	76		6		225	Yes	126
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5		1	6	5	16	8	12	49				97	Yes	65
Enon	James Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 1	20		20	16	25	51	99	100				331	Yes	
Fellowship	Sam Hobgood, Creedmoor			10	18	23	34	13	51				149	No	98
Florence Ave.	George P. Smith, Virgilina, Va.			10	12	13	13		33		4		85	No	59
Franklinton	W. T. Hutchinson, Franklinton	6	16	44	54	34	46	52	97	40	3		392	No	141
Grassy Creek	C. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.			12	15	28	27	48	65				195	Yes	96
Hester	B. W. Pruitt, Oxford, Rt. 1	20	15	22	25	30	30	50	245				437	No	142
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson		14	24	33	32	36	61	127		1		328		160
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Kelley Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 2			8	10	5	14		34		3		74	No	52
Mountain Creek	Elbert Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		8	18	24	27	46	32	98		7		254		121
Mt. Olivet	E. L. Blackley, Franklinton, Rt. 1				20	9	10		40				79		
Mt. Zion	W. B. Jones, Oxford, Rt. 1			25	22	55	32	51	135				320	Yes	154
Olive Grove	Paul S. Horton, Northside, Rt. 1			19	18	20	9	50	15		2		133	No	77
Oxford	Clement Yancey, Oxford		56	67	60	79	98	78	164	35	3		636	Yes	150
Peace's Chapel	E. D. Woody, Oxford, Rt. 3	4	6	24	18	12	50	28	68				210	No	63
Pleasant Grove	R. Lee Smith, Creedmoor, Rt. 1				17	20	18	25	48				128	No	54
Poplar Creek	J. C. Capps, Henderson, Rt. 3			6	6		6		22				40		36
Providence	Glenn Daniels, Oxford, Rt. 2	18	23	36	31	38	35	48	123		5		357	No	174
Rock Spring	George T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5			11	10	9	7	15	52				104	No	64
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4	18		10	8	10	12	23	48				129		103
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall		21	30	30	48	47	42	176		6		400		119
Tabb's Creek	Osborne Currin, Oxford, Rt. 3			9		14	15	17	41		10		106		69
Tally Ho	J. W. Weldon, Stem				14		16		40				70	No	
Tungsten	Floyd Thomas, Townsville												103		
West Oxford	A. D. Dillehay, Oxford		5	9	27	28	31	93	65		4		262	No	53
Totals		86	18[illegible]	481	582	711	701	966	2256[illegible]	75[illegible]	59		[illegible]		

TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Jr., Bullock		1		1	1		1	4		8		18	8		13		47	36
Creedmoor	W. B. Connelly, Creedmoor			1	2	1	1	1	6			9	18	12	14	18	3	74	60
Florence Ave.	Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.		1		1	1		1	4		7		5	4		13	3	32	16
Franklinton	G. W. Hale, Franklinton		1		1	2			4		6	7	25	37			3	80	62
Grassy Creek	Miss Gladys Elliott, Nelson, Va.			1	1	1		1	4			13	9	9		12	4	37	28
Hester	F. R. Barlowe, Oxford			1	1	1	1	1	5			12	20	15	20	10	3	80	42
Island Creek	Mrs. Azalene Sneed, Henderson			1	1	1	1	2	6			17	19	21	18	44	4	123	55
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Leslie Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		1	1	1	1	1	1	6		18	7	27	15	9	18	12	106	56
Oxford	Miss Ann Daniel, Oxford				1	1			2				28	20			7	55	35
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Geo Gresham, Kittrell, Rt. 2			1	1	1		1	4			7	9	15		14	5	50	30
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Lee Smith, Creedmoor				1	1	1	1	4				12	8	11	16		47	34
Stovall	Mrs. Marrow Stovall, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1		1	1	1	1	6	4	8		20	21	17	9	4	75	47
West Oxford	Willis Saunders, Oxford	1			1	1			3	10			27	18				55	29
	Totals	2	5	6	14	14	6	11	58	14	47	72	237	203	89	167	48	861	40+

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Number Class Rooms	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year
Amis Chapel	Wilson Jones, Virgilina, Va.	34	12	8	$	$ 25,000.00	$	$ 300.00	$ 130.00
Brassfield				3					
Bullock				12	15,000.00	45,000.00	6,000.00	500.00	110.00
Concord						3,000.00			
Corinth				4		5,000.00			
Creedmoor				20		75,000.00	18,000.00		
Dexter				6		10,000.00		150.00	75.00
Enon				12	4,500.00	40,000.00			
Florence Ave.				3	5,000.00	10,000.00		300.00	75.00
Franklinton				24	7,000.00	60,000.00		700.00	221.00
Grassy Creek				8	6,000.00	20,000.00			
Hester				24	17,500.00	92,500.00	14,800.00	1,925.00	280.00
Island Creek				21		150,000.00	3,763.00	800.00	200.00
Knott's Grove					7,500.00	14,000.00			
Mountain Creek				7	6,000.00	18,000.00		2,750.00	227.00
Mt. Olivet				2		10,000.00			
Mt. Zion				14	4,200.00	100,000.00		500.00	100.00
Olive Grove				7		2,500.00			
Oxford	R. H. Beard, Oxford	81	8	37	20,000.00	320,000.00	3,000.00	7,500.00	650.00
Peace's Chapel				7		10,000.00			180.00
Pleasant Grove				4		10,000.00			
Providence	W. R. Mann, Oxford, Rt. 2	35	5	16	7,000.00	75,000.00	4,895.00	750.00	160.00
Rock Spring				5		30,000.00			
Sharon				4		3,200.00			
Stovall				15	10,000.00	42,500.00	2,000.00	1,200.00	240.00
Tabb's Creek				4		35,000.00	500.00	300.00	100.00
Tally Ho				4		3,500.00			
Tungsten				4					
West Oxford				10	11,000.00	28,500.00	9,200.00		106.00
	Totals	150	25	285	$ 120,700.00	$1,237,700.00	$ 62,158.00	$ 17,675.00	$ 2,854.00

CHURCHES	Film Strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector	Choir Director				Organist Salary	Choir Enrolments						Music Budget	Number Copies Church Musician	Musical Instrument		
			Full-time	Part-time	Salary	Volunteer		Church	Young People	Intermediate	Junior	Primary	Total			Pipe Organ	Electronic Organ	Piano
Amis Chapel	No	No		$	$		$							$				X
Brassfield	No	No				X								50.00			X	X
Bullock	No	No				X												
Concord	No	No				X												
Corinth	No	No						15		12	15		42					X
Creedmoor	No	No	X			X											X	X
Dexter	No	No				X											X	X
Enon	No	No															X	X
Fellowship	No	No															X	X
Florence Ave.	No	No	X		60.00		60.00	22				20	42		1			X
Franklinton	Yes	No				X												X
Grassy Creek	No	No				X		20							20			X
Hester	No	No	X					28						25.00			X	
Island Creek	No	No				X												X
Knott's Grove	No	No				X												X
Mt. Olivet	No	No		X		X												X
Mt. Zion	No	No																
Olive Grove	No	No	X	2,520.00			1,020.00	30	30	40		40	140	3,700.00	1	X		
Oxford	Yes	Yes				X											X	
Peace's Chapel	No	No				X		21	15				36		2		X	X
Providence	No	No																X
Rock Spring																		X
Stovall	No	No	X															X
Tabb's Creek	No	No																X
Tally Ho														150.00			X	
West Oxford	No	No		$2,520.00	$ 60.00		$1,080.00	136	45	52	15	60	260	$3,925.00	24			
Totals																		

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Co-operative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign
Amis Chapel	A. R. Frazier, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	$ 2,020.00	$ 940.00	$ 300.00	$ 140.00	$ 56.00	$ 274.00	$ 29
Brassfield	C. W. Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	150.00	600.00	166.36	50.00			
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	5,305.81	1,600.00	400.00	110.00	92.00	89.00	24
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	185.42	673.32	6.00	54.80	20.37	29.50	3
Corinth	Milton Blackley, Oxford, Rt. 2	590.35	1,500.00	118.38	110.00	49.48	57.67	5
Creedmoor	Mrs. Fred Fleming, Creedmoor	9,403.38	3,000.00	158.25	105.00	28.80	23.25	6
Dexter	S. W. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5	285.27	730.00	16.04	75.00	62.15	46.09	3
Enon	S. T. Knott, Oxford	7,100.04	2,000.00	2,440.47	202.80	300.00	300.00	41
Fellowship	W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor, Rt. 2	819.36	885.00	247.01	82.50	91.00	25.00	12
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Ellen Wilkins, Virgilina, Va.		2,600.00	180.00	75.00	31.00	41.00	7
Franklinton	E. G. Rogers, Franklinton	8,409.88	3,266.92	700.00	221.00	45.60	62.99	7
Grassy Creek	C. C. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.	2,213.90	2,000.00	1,000.00	180.00	21.65	202.72	3
Hester	Johnnie C. Currin, Oxford	20,815.10	3,840.00	1,925.00	280.00	247.00	340.59	42
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Jr., Henderson	14,077.08	1,800.00	750.00	200.00	109.00	130.40	11
Knott's Grove	W. H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	976.63	1,800.00	207.48	70.00	36.56	62.02	5
Mountain Creek	D. A. Parham, Oxford, Rt. 4	1,922.27	1,950.00	2,597.66	227.00	47.50	70.68	11
Mt. Olivet	A. C. Kearney, Franklinton, Rt. 1	258.93	960.00	50.00		32.78	169.32	6
Mt. Zion	Daniel Hunt, Oxford, Rt. 1	15,728.52	2,000.00	150.50	100.00	71.35	100.00	10
Olive Grove	Paul Chappell, Northside, Rt. 1	1,066.87	1,247.50	262.31	100.00	15.11	64.11	1
Oxford	M. S. Currin, Oxford	16,384.33	4,725.00	8,762.49	623.70	2,044.37	661.00	73
Peace's Chapel	James Bennett, Kittrell, Rt. 2	1,563.64	1,162.80	216.08	180.00	52.00		
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	683.97	895.00	40.90	75.00	26.20	16.00	1
Poplar Creek	I. W. Nutt, Sr., Henderson, Rt. 3	211.94	693.36	51.00	40.00	10.00	20.00	2
Providence	Miss Lila Piper, Oxford, Rt. 2	8,404.11	1,950.00	862.30	165.00	50.00	62.76	12
Rock Spring	Aulick Keeton, Clarksville, Va.	1,071.97	1,467.66	273.82	130.00	20.00	23.50	2
Sharon	Archie Denny, Roxboro, Rt. 3	421.05	958.32	393.15	212.32	62.33	33.50	5
Stovall	J. B. Pittard, Stovall	5,402.64	3,600.00	1,080.00	240.00	117.11	98.85	34
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5	629.78	815.00	127.51	75.00	64.07	17.02	4
Tally Ho	F. C. Wilkins, Stem	205.88	400.00	* 82.00	26.00	10.00	10.00	2
Tungsten	Frank Swann, Tungsten	1,230.91						
West Oxford	S. E. Beasley, Oxford, Rt. 3	1,052.83	1,750.00	163.00	106.00		38.00	2
	Totals	$128,592.86	$ 51,809.88	$ 23,727.71	$ 4,256.12	$ 3,813.43	$ 3,068.97	$ 3,75

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Missionary Baptist Church, "other than a duly organized Missionary Baptist Church which has been a member in good standing for a period of twelve months, or more, with another Missionary Baptist Association, any such Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be received into the Association upon a majority vote of the members present."

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall

be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member for each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk, shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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MESSENGERS—1953 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—G. W. Yancey, G. T. Pittard, James R. Elliott.
BRASSFIELD—Garland Catlett, T. W. Allen, Mrs. Allen Hutson.
BULLOCK—Mrs. Richard Newton, Mrs. Lora Royster, H. P. Pittard.
BUTNER—L. B. Perkinson, Norman B. Kelley, Mrs. W. E. Bullock, Rev. Hal M. Helms.
CONCORD—Wyatt Daniel, Mrs. Graham Goss, Joe Bryant, Jr.
CORINTH—Mrs. Lee Overton, Wallace Brummitt, James Gillis.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Aubrey Wheeler, Mrs. Dennis Brummitt, Mrs. S. C. Lyon, Mrs. A. O. Curl, Rev. Robert Liner, Mrs. Robert Liner.
DEXTER—Mrs. Morris Wilson, Mrs. Roy Dickerson, Mrs. Rhodes Frazier.
ENON—Mrs. Ellis Averette, James Daniel, Sam L. Knott, Clarence Jones, Mrs. J. T. Yancey.
FELLOWSHIP—Mrs. J. C. Wilkins, Mrs. W. M. Jones, Mrs. H. R. Keith.
FLORENCE AVE.—Miss Bettie Royster, Mrs. Fred Winfree, Woodrow Ellixson.
FRANKLINTON—P. P. Purnell, E. G. Rogers, Dr. S. E. Eakes, J. F. Gonella, Mrs. Annie Brady.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. Howard Yancey, Mrs. Noel Sizemore, Jack Yancey.

HESTER—A. B. Dean, Mrs. J. R. Adcock, Mrs. Sam A. Howard, Sam A. Howard, C. S. Puckett, Mrs. C. S. Puckett, Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Mrs. P. J. Wynne.

ISLAND CREEK—L. J. Shanks, Mrs. L. J. Shanks, J. E. Jones, Mrs. J. E. Jones, Mrs. C. S. Tippett.

KNOTT'S GROVE—Roy Gresham, Mrs. Roy Gresham, Mrs. Sam Pittard.

MOUNTAIN CREEK—E. L. Elliott, David Blackwell, Mrs. O. J. Eakes.

MT. OLIVET—E. L. Blackley, Mrs. E. L. Blackley, Clyde Wheeler, Mrs. Clyde Wheeler, Lonnie Blackley, Mrs. Lonnie Blackley.

MT. ZION—Pete Murray, Mrs. Harry Newton, Mrs. Thomas Hobgood, Mrs. Lee Wilkins, Thomas Hobgood.

OLIVE GROVE—Paul S. Horton, R. C. Perry, Mrs. Paul Chappell, Rev. C. H. Beard, Joseph Chappell.

OXFORD—Mrs. Thomas B. Currin, J. P. Jones, W. A. Mitchiner.

PEACE'S CHAPEL—Ed Simms, Amos Cheatham, Clifton Walters, Woodrow Thomasson, Sr.

PLEASANT GROVE—Woodrow Bennett, Mrs. Macy Newton, Mrs. Lee Smith.

POPLAR CREEK—B. M. Boyd, Mrs. E. C. Brewer, I. W. Nutt.

PROVIDENCE—Robert Burnett, Miss Lila Piper, Mrs. Glenn Daniel.

ROCK SPRING—George Wilson, Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. William Reese, Mrs. John Norwood, Mrs. Bailey Matthews, Mrs. Graham Strum.

SHARON—Clyde Powell, L. T. McFarland, Mrs. Albert Daniel.

STOVALL—L. I. Currin, Mrs. H. T. Gill, W. J. O'Brien, Mrs. H. B. Williams, Mrs. Harold O'Brien.

TABB'S CREEK—W. M. Brummitt, Mrs. W. M. Brummitt, Osborne Currin.

TALLY HO—F. C. Wilkins, C. F. Hobgood, Mrs. William Green.

WEST OXFORD—D. F. Lanier, Rev. E. G. Usry, W. H. Arrington.

PASTORS

M. L. Banister—Oxford
C. H. Beard—Olive Grove
Oren Bradley—Stovall
James G. Dissel—Concord
P. A. Cline—Knott's Grove and Providence
D. W. Cooper—Mt. Olivet
W. J. Edwards—Dexter, Poplar Creek and Tabb's Creek
E. D. Flowers—Rock Spring
E. W. Greene—Amis Chapel
Hal Helms—Butner
Norman Hicks—Corinth and Peace's Chapel
Ronald D. Hicks—Enon and Mt. Zion
Thomas J. Holmes—Franklinton
A. S. Lamm—West Oxford
Dennis M. Larkins—Grassy Creek and Mt. Creek
Robert Liner—Creedmoor
Paul C. Mattox—Hester
T. O. Moak—Florence Ave.
C. H. Norris—Tally Ho
R. R. Pulley—Fellowship
R. D. Speas—Brassfield
Warren Turner—Pleasant Grove and Sharon

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held With

CREEDMOOR AND MOUNTAIN CREEK CHURCHES

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Sixtieth Annual Session of the Flat River Association convened with Creedmoor Church, October 13, 1953, 10:00 A. M.
Sam C. Hall, Moderator, called the Association to order.
Devotion was led by Rev. Hal Helms.
Hymn—"Lead On Oh King Eternal."
Roll Call of Churches.

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Report of Committee on Committees was read by Rev. E. D. Flowers, Jr. and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Committee on Nominations _____Rev. M. L. Banister, Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Rev. E. W. Greene.
Committee on Time, Place and Preacher_____Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, Mr. Lee Newton, Mrs. Howard Yancey.
Committee on Resolutions_____Rev. Ronald Hicks, Mr. R. T. Eakes, Miss Lila Piper.
Committee on Obituaries _____Rev. Oren Bradley, Mr. Herman Currin, Mrs. George T. Wilson.

Rev. E. D. Flowers, Jr.
Mr. J. A. Timberlake
Mrs. E. S. Averette
Mr. W. A. Mitchiner
Committee

Report on Religious Literature was read by Mrs. A. N. Daniel, discussed by her and Mr. C. W. Bazemore, then adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Christian literature is a tremendous force in the lives of our people today. In our own country virtually all persons read, and what they *read,* is largely what they *believe.*

In our own state, the BIBLICAL RECORDER with a present circulation of 55,000, is the one publication covering the entire field of our cooperative efforts as Baptists. Without our State Baptist paper a successful promotion of all our Baptist work would be well-nigh impossible. For 120 years the RECORDER has been going into Baptist homes with its weekly message. Wise pastors, associational missionaries, Sunday School superintendents and many other leaders have over the years promoted its circulation, and they have rejoiced at the many visible fruits of good reading. People do more when they know more. As they read, they lead. As they are informed, they are inspired.

Along with our state paper our denomination furnishes an abundance of good literature. The CHARITY AND CHILDREN informs us each week about our Baptist Orphanage. THE COMMISSION, our Foreign Mission Magazine and the Home Mission Magazine of the Home Mission Board should be in every Baptist home. Every W. M. U. member knows how essential it is to have the *Royal Service* for the W. M. S., the *Window* for the Y. W. A., *Ambassador Life* for the R. A., *Tell* for the G. A., and *Sunbeam Activities* for the Sunbeams.

The Builder for our Sunday School workers and the *Training Union Magazine* for Training Union Workers and *Quarterlies* for all age groups. Each family needs a copy of the *Home Life,* the family magazine.

Mrs. A. N. Daniel

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New Pastors in the Association were recognized by the Moderator also Rev. Ronald Rice, former Field Worker.

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Report on Associational Missions was read by Rev. Norman Hicks and adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

I'm sure you will join me in saying that we regret very much losing Mr. Rice as Associational Field Worker in August. Our Associational Program was approximately 6 years old when he left and his ministry in our Association was a fruitful one. In the Associational year 1953 Mr. Rice's activities included—

Pulpit Supply—23.
W. M. U. Study Courses—15.
S. S. Study Courses—9.

B. T. U. Study Courses—15.
Ordination of Deacons—4.
Special Services—8.
Radio Programs conducted—65.
Conferences—318.
Miles traveled—10,000.
Revivals held—2.
Promoted Associational-wide quarterly meetings of Sunday School and Training Union.
Promoted Associational-wide School of Deacons and Warehouse Revival.

Two of the outstanding features of our Associational Calendar during the past year were—The School for Deacons and The Warehouse Revival.

Norman Hicks

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Report of the Executive Committee was read by the Moderator and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Flat River Baptist Association is composed of all the active pastors of Churches in the Association; the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year, and eight lay members, two of whom are elected each year by the Association. The constitution requires that this Committee shall meet at least once each quarter "to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association."

Let us, first of all, consider a summary of the work of the Executive Committee conducted at the quarterly meetings and one called meeting on September 8th.

A considerable amount of time at each session was devoted to a discussion of the Treasurer's report. Most of the churches are now making contributions to the Associational Program in advance, either annually, semi-annually or by the month. A few however are sending the full amount near the close of the Associational year. The best plan, one which we hope more churches will adopt during the coming year, is the monthly payment plan. This will enable us to meet every obligation as it comes due, month by month, throughout the entire year.

All meetings of your committee were held in the Oxford Church, due to the central location.

The first meeting, on January 13th, was attended by 33 members and was the largest attendance of the year. This was our organizational meeting. Sam C. Hall was elected Chairman, Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Secretary. The credit for this report should go to the excellent minutes of our Secretary. An Associational calendar of activities for 1953 was presented by Rev. Ronald Rice and was adopted by the Committee. A motion, which was brought from the Pastors conference, was passed that the committee sponsor an Associational-wide revival meeting in a warehouse or other building with sufficient space. A committee was appointed and went to

work with Reverend Ronald Hicks as its Chairman. A motion was passed, that the Executive Committee meet the Tuesday following the Associational meeting, for the purpose of electing officers for the year.

The second meeting was held April 7th, at which time the main topic was the discussion of plans for the warehouse revival. Mr. Bradley reported on the progress of the main committee and Mr. Rice read a list of the various committees that had been asked to function.

The Third meeting was held on July 7th. Mr. John N. Watkins, Jr. was appointed Associational Treasurer, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Budd Smith who had moved away. Mr. Ronald Rice gave a glowing report on the Warehouse Revival.

Due to the resignation in July of Rev. Ronald Rice, Field Worker, a special call meeting was held September 8th to hear the recommendations of a committee, which had been appointed to recommend to the Executive Committee regarding associational missions and Field Worker. After much discussion a motion was made and passed "that we operate the Associational Mission program as heretofore, but take up the matter of either a man or woman for Field Worker at a later date." Another motion was made and passed to the effect that the budget committee draw up a suitable budget, mail a copy to each church informing them as to the expense of this Associational program, with some suggestion as to their part or quota before any approach is made to either man or woman for the purpose of securing an Associational Mission Field Worker, Executive Secretary or whatever title it is the desire of the association to give such worker. A motion was also made and passed that at the same time a committee be formed to draw up the requirements of the duties of such a worker. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Ronald Rice for his labors in this association.

On Oct. 6th the last meeting was held and as the budget committee had not heard from all the churches, the committee appointed Rev. W. J. Edwards to carry on the Baptist Radio Hour every Sunday morning on a temporary basis until a permanent program could be set up.

One of the outstanding features of our Associational calendar, was the school for Deacons. These schools have always been very helpful to all Deacons who were able to attend.

Numerous other items claimed the attention of the Committee members during the past year, and your Moderator appreciates the faithfulness of those who have given their time and effort to its functions. Your Moderator has certainly missed the work and help of our former Field Worker, Rev. Ronald Rice.

Sam C. Hall
Chairman

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Mr. Biggerstaff discussed briefly the Allied Church League of N. C. Mrs. Carl Ragland discussed the History of Flat River Association.

Hymn—"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer by Rev. E. G. Usry.

Special Music by Creedmoor Choir.

Sermon by Rev. Dennis M. Larkins.
Announcements and closing prayer by the host Pastor, Rev. Robert L. Liner.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotion was led by Rev. Paul C. Mattox.
Hymn—"Blessed Assurance."
Prayer by Rev. M. L. Banister.
The Baptist Advance Program was discussed by Mr. Claude Gaddy.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion, Sam C. Hall was elected Moderator, Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, Vice-Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk, John N. Watkins, Jr., Treasurer and Melvin S. Currin, Auditor.

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Report of Treasurer was read by Mr. John N. Watkins, Jr. also Auditor's report and both adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Churches of Association	$4,673.00
Received from sale of Deacon's Books	75.71
Received offering from Deacon's School	173.59
Received refund of traveling expenses from Evangelistic Revival	34.25
Balance in Bank 11-1-52	721.22
Total	$5,577.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary for Clerk	$ 60.00
Salary for Treasurer	60.00
Mrs. Jas. Hobgood, Special Project	50.00
Salary for Field Worker	2,689.18
Radio Program	300.00
Traveling Expenses Field Worker	595.38
Office Rent	199.10
Miscellaneous, Supplies and Telephone	148.60
Rent Field Worker's residence	464.91
Stationery	13.00

Retirement	209.36
Printing Minutes	239.22
	$5,028.75
Total Receipts	$5,577.77
Disbursements	5,028.75
10-1 Balance in Bank	$ 549.02
Receipts since October 1, 1953	$ 478.00
Balance in Bank as of October 12, 1953	$ 892.12
Balance due from Churches on 1952 Budget	$ 434.57

John N. Watkins, Jr.
Treasurer

I hereby certify that I have audited the Books of the Flat River Baptist Association and that all receipts and disbursements are properly accounted for and are in accordance with the Bank records as of October 1, 1953.

Melvin S. Currin
Auditor

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Report on Hospital was read by Miss Gerald Rene Hite and adopted following an address by Dr. W. K. McGhee.

REPORT ON HOSPITAL

More than ten thousand patients were cared for in our Hospital last year, while thousands of others were seen in Clinics. Almost half of these were service patients, unable to pay the full cost of the care they received. These included old people at the sunset of life and little children at the dawn of life, mothers, fathers and young people. They included persons who had to have help if they were to carry on as mothers and wives in their homes, if they were to work as fathers and husbands to support their families, if as young people they were to be set free from handicaps for life, if as old people they were to be spared for additional years and from much of the suffering which often attends old age.

One of the most important parts of the program of the Hospital is the spiritual ministry it provides. This is necessary if the full needs of a sick person are to be met. Our Hospital has trained chaplains who render an effective ministry for the sick, guidance for the nursing and medical students, and training for pastors and Christian workers.

Three floors of the New Hospital Wing are nearing completion and should be ready for use this year. This will provide urgently needed space and facilities. If any church in the Association has not contributed its part toward the building of the New Wing, we hope this will be done at once. Churches of the Flat River Association contributed $1,868.09 in 1952 and $1,971.78 in 1953.

Miss Gerald Rene Hite

Report on State Missions was read by Mrs. Franklin Gill.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

All the work of the Convention except that committed to the educational and beneficient institutions of the Convention is carried on through the agency which we call State Missions. It needs to be remembered as a matter of history that until 1926 practically all the work which the Convention promoted was State Mission Work.

During the present year, State Missions is due to receive through the Co-operative Program $220,000 for current support, and $7,500 for capital needs. In addition, the Board counts upon receiving $125,000 from the offerings of the Woman's Missionary Union and the special offering in the Sunday Schools in October, making a total of $352,500 for the use of State Missions Work. Actually, $400,000 is urgently needed this year to carry on our present program.

As communities grow, the need increases for additional funds to help build mission churches and to help pay pastors salaries until they may become self-supporting. As church life grows the needs of the Sunday School Department and Baptist Training Union Department of the state become larger. Thousands of Baptist students in North Carolina Colleges and Universities need a strong denominational program that will keep them vitally linked with the work of the churches.

On and on the opportunities could be named: training of pastors in the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, with its three six-week terms each year; work with the "silent people"; assistance given the Negro Baptist Convention of the State; cooperation given the Allied Church League in its fight against alcoholic beverages, and many more.

Let us keep in mind the over-all objective of State Missions—*Winning North Carolina for Christ.*

Mrs. Franklin Gill

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Report on Home Missions was read by Mrs. Talton Hughes.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The annual report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas May 6-10 revealed encouraging achievements in the field of evangelism, with a report of 30,565 conversions through the ministry of Home Missionaries. In addition to conversions reported by the missionaries there were 11,284 professions of faith under the leadership of 425 chaplains in the armed forces, and 6,626 conversions reported by the Home Mission Board's evangelistic staff, with an unestimated number of conversions resulting from the boards radio programs.

With special emphasis on Transfer Church membership week in Sept. there were 481,879 who joined Southern Baptist Churches during 1952.

The board is enlarging its B. S. U. work among the negroes, to serve all negro colleges and seminaries through the services of Dr. S. E. Grimstead as B. S. U. Secretary.

One of the most outstanding activities of the board was to establish a church building loan fund, to build churches in the west and other parts of our convention territory, which will make it possible for many additional churches to reach more people. $100,00 of the Annie Armstrong offering has been designated for this fund. It is hoped that 10 million dollars can be raised within the next five years.

Plans were adopted by the board in 1952 to enlarge the negro work, in selecting an evangelist to serve on the staff of Evangelism, and the employment of a worker in the field of home counseling, and juvenile delinquency, a church ministry to members of the armed forces, and the employment of missionaries to the Russians in Calif. and the H-Bomb Center in S. C.

The last report of the Home Mission Board they had at work 1,274 missionaries including 265 student workers, with a gain of 104. 600 new missions had been opened and 265 new churches constituted.

Mrs. T. T. Hughes

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Report on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. Thornton Yancey.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

As we come to the Foreign Mission report it is fitting that first of all we pay tribute to the memory of our beloved Dr. M. T. Rankin, who was executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board from January 1, 1945 to June 27, 1953 when he quietly passed to his reward.

Dr. Rankin spent 20 years of his life as a missionary to China. Out of his enlarged vision of world needs and a heart filled with love for the mission cause, was born the Advance Program of Southern Baptist, in 1948.

The goal was 1750 missionaries on the Foreign fields. We have not yet attained, but we have advanced from 670 to 913 missionaries on 32 Foreign fields, entrance into 16 new fields being made possible by the Advance Program.

Our total Foreign Mission budget for 1953 to be used for missionaries, direct evangelism, schools, literature, medical work and miscellaneous activities is a little over 5½ million dollars.

How can we meet this budget, when less than one third of Southern Baptist are enlisted in the support of missions, and the average annual gift per person is about $6.00 for all missions and about $1.00 or less than one hundredth of our tithe for foreign missions.

In the Flat River Association according to last year's report only about 22% of our people are tithers and we give about $5.24 per capita for all missions, which is below the Southern Baptist average.

God so loved the world that he gave his Best. Just how convincing to a lost world can our testimony be when it takes 7,000,000 of us to send less than 1,000 missionaries to all the other nations, to tell the greatest news of all time, the supreme fact of all history, and the only message that can save men from their sins?

Mrs. J. T. Yancey

Report on W. M. U. Work was read by Mrs. Lonnie Nelms.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

In the 32 churches of the Flat River Baptist Association there are 29 Woman's Missionary Societies, 18 Sunbeam Bands, 17 Girls' Auxiliaries, 19 Royal Ambassador Chapters and 13 Young Woman's Auxiliaries.

There are 1262 women enlisted in the 29 Woman's Missionary Societies and around 625 young people in their various organizations. Last year, these faithful women gave $2,815.11 to Foreign Missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; $1,724.64 to Home Missions through the Annie Armstrong offering; $680.08 to the Heck-Jones Memorial Offering; and $1,234.42 to State Missions through the W. M. U. Offering for State Missions. (These figures do not include amounts from the Young People's Organizations) Approximately 90% of these women contribute regularly through the Cooperative Program. They have held 61 mission study classes with 80% of their number reading one or more missionary books. 82% have participated actively in community missions.

These are commendable and worthy achievements, but what of the 3 churches in Flat River who have no Woman's Missionary Society, the 14 with no Sunbeam Band, the 15 with no Girl's Auxiliary, the 13 with no Royal Ambassador Chapter and the 19 with no Young Woman's Auxiliary. What of the women, young people, boys and girls in these churches who are enlisted in no way in postive and active effort in the promotion and advance of missions at home and round the world. What of the increasing tendency of local churches to "unbalance" the church budget with the heavy end for local expenses and the light end for all mission causes. What of the pitifully small number of tithers in our churches; the dearth of leaders for all departments of our denominational program.

When I was a Sunbeam, we sang a song that went like this:

"Jesus bids us shine, with a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world of darkness, we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine."

Worthy aims for a child, but it is time for the children of God in Flat River to become men; it is time for us to come out of our corners of prejudice, complacency and indifference, and go forward in the strength and power of Him, who commanded, and promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Supt.
Woman's Missionary Union

All reports were adopted.

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A standing vote of thanks was given to Creedmoor Church for her gracious hospitality.

Closing prayer by Rev. E. W. Greene.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

This session was opened at Mountain Creek Church at 10 A. M. by the Moderator, Sam C. Hall.

Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers."

Devotion was led by Rev. A. S. Lamm.

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Report on Orphanage was read by Mr. J. A. Timberlake and following an address by Rev. W. I. Terrell, was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Again your Orphanage has moved forward in its ministry of Child Care. During the year we served a total of 728 children. In addition to this our Social Service Department helped to adjust 214 children with relatives, and thus prevented them from having to be cared for by the Institution. Your program includes Mills Home of Thomasville, Kennedy Home of Kinston, Mothers' Aid, and Boarding Homes. The Baptists of North Carolina probably provide more services for children than any other similar group in the nation.

Practically all of our many children developed normally. There was very little sickness and none of a serious nature. In the schools at Thomasville and La Grange they were well adjusted, and their records compare favorably with the average of all other children in these schools. Twenty-four were graduated from high school in June. We believe they will make a worthy contribution to their generation.

We have been particularly pleased with the spiritual development in our two Homes. During the year fifty professed faith in Christ and were baptized. Another thirty accepted Christ as Savior, but were not baptized until early in this year.

Added to our many other activities we have promoted the greatest building and renovating program in the history of the Orphanage. A new cottage, a new Print Shop, and a new Infirmary were completed in 1952. The I. G. Greer Recreational Building was finished early in 1953, and a beautiful new Church that will seat 580 people will be completed this year. Then we have completely remodeled some of the old cottages and made them into good living quarters for the children. This great building program was made possible by the money left to Mills Home in the will of the late Robert M. Idol. Next year we hope the Building and Renovating Program is finished. When this is done, I doubt if any Child Care Agency in America will have more adequate facilities than the Baptist of North Carolina.

J. A. Timberlake

Hymn—"Come Thou Almighty King."

Report on Home for the Aging was read by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks, and following an address by Rev. Sloan Guy was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME FOR THE AGING

The youngest member of our Baptist family of institutions, the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., has had the best year since it began operating, March 16, 1951.

Resthaven, with space for twenty residents, has been filled to capacity. The number of requests for rooms has increased into the hundreds.

The Home this year has received its best financial support. The share received from the Nine Year Program (1952) was $14,062.80; our first Special Day offering, February 15, exceeded $52,000; and from individuals, churches, and auxiliary organizations we have received $12,380.33, as of August 1st.

The response to the first Special Day offering for the Home was most encouraging. More than half of our 3055 Baptist churches responded. About seventy-five per cent of the amount came from the smaller churches.

Considering the short time our Home has been operating (2 years), and the fact that this was the first opportunity to appeal to our churches for a special offering, all of us should be encouraged by the response. Our next Special Day offering, February 21, 1954, should amount to $100,000.

On June 18, this year, property was purchased for a Branch Home at Albemarle. This property, consisting of a vacated hospital building and a nurses' home building and nearly three acres of land, was purchased for $25,000. It will cost an equal amount to renovate the property. Even so, it is well worth twice the amount invested. Thus, we can care for 60 residents—20 at Resthaven, Winston-Salem; and 40 at the Albemarle Home.

At the time of purchase, it was hoped that the branch home would be ready for operation by October 1, this year.

The general health of the residents has been exceptionally good, considering the range of their ages, 66 to 93. There has been only one death this year. The spirit and the general attitude of the residents have been most satisfactory.

Plans for the future enlargement are encouraging. With a general Special Day offering in February, 1954, and other special gifts from individuals and corporations, we should be ready to begin construction of our administration building, which would give us room for fifty additional residents, and making our total capacity 110 residents.

Ronald D. Hicks

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Report on Training Union was read by Rev. E. W. Greene.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

The purpose of the Training Union Department is to promote a program of training in every Baptist Church in the Southern Baptist Convention. Training in Church membership is an absolute essential to well rounded Christian growth.

We have made some progress this year in our training union work. We have nineteen unions now compared with thirteen last year. Although we have lost in enrollment; last year we had enrolled 895; this year we have 769. This loss was due to the revising of the rolls.

We have held our four quarterly mass meetings this year, at this time we invite all the Churches in the association to come together at one Church. Here we bring our report on our achievements, give and receive some ideas on Training Union work. There has been much interest shown at these meetings.

Give us the means, but along with the material resources you provide, give us yourselves in service. We ask the Co-operation of your 32 Churches that we reach a goal of 25 Training Unions and 1000 enrollment in Training Unions in the year of 54. Our people need Christian Training and our churches need Trained Christians. Will you help us to go forward in Training Unions in 1954 and reach the goal we have planned.

C. H. Guerrant
Associational Training Union Director

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Report on Baptist Colleges was read by Rev. Irvin Adcock.

REPORT ON BAPTIST COLLEGES

North Carolina Baptists have seven colleges, two senior: Wake Forest and Meredith; and five junior: Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate, and Chowan. As of October 15, 1952 the enrollments in these colleges were as follows: Wake Forest, including the schools of law and medicine, 1714; Meredith, 600; Mars Hill, 787; Gardner-Webb, 401; Campbell, 440, including 54 high school students; Wingate, 255, including 63 high school students; and Chowan, 192, making a total of 4,389. This enrollment, including summer schools, exceeded 5,000 for the year.

The 422 ministerial students enrolled in these seven colleges represent approximately 10% of the total student body. In addition to this number, there are some 300 student volunteers being trained for full-time Christian service.

These seven colleges have an annual operation budget of approximately $4,000,000. North Carolina Baptist, through the Cooperative Program, make available $400,000 to aid these colleges with their operating costs, which is exactly 10% of the total operating expenditures, or a little less than $100 per student for the year. In addition to this financial aid for operating costs, in its present Nine-Year Advance Program the Convention is providing another $200,000 to help the colleges with their capital outlay or building programs.

From a financial standpoint the most significant undertaking in 1953 is the effort to complete the raising of $1,500,000 in the churches for the removal program of Wake Forest College. This was authorized in 1946, and it is confidently hoped that this total of $1,500,000 will be raised by January 1, 1954; thereby completing the last authorized special campaign in the churches for any one of our institutions. It is expected that with the completion of this special effort for Wake Forest and the one for the Baptist Hospital, it will be possible for all our churches to unite in support of the total Cooperative Program and

in so doing provide the funds necessary for the promotion of the work in all departments of our Convention endeavors.

Let us observe here that the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary now operating on the campus of Wake Forest College is beginning its third year of operation with an enrollment of 320 students, and that because of the crowded conditions on the college campus hundreds of other students have been refused admittance to the seminary. When the new class of approximately 100 students is added next year, the seminary will have reached its maximum size until Wake Forest College is able to move to Winston-Salem, which is planned for 1955.

Irvin Adcock

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. M. L. Banister discussed the Associational Program and made motion seconded by Rev. Oren Bradley for Executive Committee to pass on Associational Program at a later date. The motion was carried.

Announcements by the host Pastor, Rev. Dennis M. Larkins.

Accordian solo by Rev. Paul Travis.

Rev. J. U. Teague, a former pastor was recognized who led the closing prayer.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers."
Devotion was led by Rev. Thomas Moak.
Accordian solo by Rev. Paul Travis.

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The report on Cooperative Program was read and adopted.

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The greatest plan for Kingdom financing ever devised has two great principles that recommend it to Baptists. First, the principle of cooperation. There is no coercion nor compulsion in the cooperative program, notwithstanding the statements of some who do not know whereof they speak. From the individual Baptist to every agency included in this program, there is only one principle supplying its cohesiveness—that is the principle of Christian cooperation. Second, the other principle is intelligent and fair consideration of the importance and needs of our Convention agencies in their work in the Kingdom. Instead of set budgets, there is the principle of percentage, and as long as the churches give, our agencies receive their share. And let it be said that all these agencies have arrived at their shares in the atmosphere of free and brotherly discussion.

The Cooperative Program is still young. But it is a vigorous and growing youngster. We rejoice in its upward trend in North Carolina and throughout the Southern Convention. Let us study its plan and give it a greater place in our local church programs this year.

Thomas J. Holmes

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Report on Christian Citizenship was read by Rev. Oren Bradley.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

As a Christian we have two responsibilities. One to the Kingdom of God, and to the authority of our civil government. There are principles of christian living to which we adhere. There are also the obligations to our country—taxes, voting, and serving in the armed forces. In a land where religious liberty is granted these responsibilities should not conflict. But they carry a great influence upon each other. One's allegiance to Christ should make him a better citizen of this world. As Christians we should vote and make our influence for right felt in the circles of government.

To be sure, there are many grevious evils in our land today. The forces of strong drink are highly organized and are running up and down America leaving behind a trail of bloodshed, poverty and sorrow. They have dared to invade the privacy of our own homes through radio and television to peddle their poison.

Another evil that has a strangle hold on America is gambling. It is no longer confined to gambling joints, but has found its way into respectable homes and business places. It seems that everyone is looking for something for nothing.

Our papers are filled with stories of horrible murder, robbery, graft. To be deplored, is the way America has turned to lust and immorality. The sacred relationship of Husband and Wife and the sanctity of the home have been substituted by lust, passion and self gratification. We have only to observe the news stands to see that the lust appeal is on every hand. Fidelity to sacred vows has been scorned. Divorce has become more respectable.

As Christians we should abhore these evils that are taking our land. What can we do about it.

First, Christian Citizenship is the obligation of every Christian. Our Christian living is reflected in our social relationships and civic responsibilities.

Second, Ministers of the gospel should, like the prophets of old, cry out against the sins of our day. Not only must we cry out against them, but must offer to the world the gospel of redemption. We should instruct our people in the teachings of the Word of God that they may know how to be Ambassadors of God, while citizens of this world.

Third, Christians must take a stand on these things, by not participating in them and not compromising when we must face the issue. Too many Baptist Church members are breaking the church covenant by the sale or use of alcoholic beverages.

Fourth, our homes are most important factors in the producing of Christian citizens. We must realize the importance of christian homes, where God is loved, honored and worshiped. We must have more homes where parents realize

their obligation to train boys and girls in the principles of Jesus.

It all may be summed up by saying that our task is legislative, instructive, but above all, changing the hearts of people, through the regenerating power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. When we have changed men, we will have changed conditions, and better citizens.

Oren Bradley

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Address by Rev. Garland A. Hendricks on Rural Church and Community Development.

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Report of Committee on Nominations was read by Rev. M. L. Banister and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

W. M. U.	Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
State Missions	Mrs. R. K. Huyler
Home Missions	Rev. Paul C. Mattox
Foreign Missions	Mrs. Otho Curl
Asso. S. S. Superintendent	Mr. F. R. Barlowe
Asso. Training Union Director	Mr. C. H. Guerrant
Baptist Colleges	Rev. T. O. Moak
Religious Literature	Miss Lila Piper
Cooperative Program	Rev. E. D. Flowers, Jr.
Orphanage	Mrs. Fred Phipps
Christian Citizenship	Rev. Robert L. Liner
Relief and Annuity	Mr. Grey Rogers
Baptist Hospital	Mrs. Casper Critcher
Home for the Aging	Mr. W. S. Young

MEMBERS AT LARGE

	Term Expires
C. W. Allen, Horace Hicks	1954
Ollie Milton, R. T. Eakes	1955
W. A. Mitchiner, G. W. Norwood	1956
W. W. Whitfield, C. M. Dean	1957

M. L. Banister
Mrs. Sterling Carrington
E. W. Greene
Committee

Report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Rev. Dennis M. Larkins.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—Tuesday, October 12th.
Time—Wednesday, October 13th.
Preacher—Rev. E. D. Flowers, Jr.
Alternate—Rev. Robert L. Liner.

Place—Dexter.
Place—Fellowship.

Dennis M. Larkins
Mrs. Howard Yancey
Lee Newton
Committee

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Report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolution concerning the Hill-Oil for Education Bill—

Whereas,

The U. S. Constitution and the Constitution of this state provide for complete separation of church and state; and,

Whereas,

The giving of public tax money to any religious school or other group, directly or indirectly, is a violation of both constitutional principle and American tradition; and,

Whereas,

Billions of revenue will pour into the U. S. treasury from off-shore oil reserves, and may become available through federal legislation for educational purposes;

Therefore,

Be it resolved that this Flat River Baptist Association meeting at Mt. Creek Baptist Church near Oxford, N. C., Oct. 14, 1953 after open discussion and majority vote, strongly urges you to use your good offices to the end that any federal funds which shall be made available for education shall be earmarked specifically for PUBLIC school education only, and that such word and provision shall be 'spelled out' in any legislation enacted by the U. S. Congress in the present or forthcoming sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Sam C. Hall
Presiding officer
(Signed) Sam A. Howard
Clerk

To the members of Creedmoor and Mt. Creek, and to their pastors, Rev. Robert Liner and Rev. Dennis Larkins, we wish to express our appreciation for the gracious manner in which they have entertained us during the 160th session of the Flat River Association.

We are grateful to our officers for the efficient service, both in this session and throughout the past year and pledge to them our continued support in the year to come.

We realize anew the importance of the Christian witness after the challenging presentation of our theme "The Christian in a World Like Ours."

Ronald D. Hicks
Lila Piper
R. T. Eakes

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Report on Obituaries was read by Rev. Oren Bradley.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

CONCORD—Mrs. Etta Moore, Mr. B. H. Oakley.
CORINTH—Deacon W. A. Currin.
CREEDMOOR—Deacon Lewis Daniel, Mr. R. H. Rogers, Deacon John L. Rogers, Mr. Glaudie L. Nevilles, Mr. Graham J. Wilson.
DEXTER—Deacon Garland Noel, Mrs. Garland Noel, Mrs. Norman Barker.
ENON—Mrs. Bessie H. Powell, Mrs. Elsie P. Knott.
FELLOWSHIP—Mr. Wilbur Arnold, Mr. John H. Allen, Mr. Hughie V. Lloyd, Mrs. Viola Inscoe, Mrs. Lena O'Briant.
FLORENCE AVE.—Mrs. J. J. Battershill, Mr. Charles H. Jones.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. Etta Owen, Mr. Johnny Hudson.
HESTER—Mr. A. D. Hughes, Mrs. Joe Badgette, Mr. L. W. Puckett, Deacon C. N. Hobgood, Mr. James Crowder, Mr. I. T. Allgood, Lt. Gerald Knott.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. B. W. Norwood, Mr. H. H. Averette, Mrs. Anna McDaniel.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mr. W. H. Blackwell, Mr. J. T. Bobbitt, Mrs. J. T. Bobbitt.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mrs. S. R. Murray, Mrs. Alice Clark, Mrs. Bennie F. Blackwell.
MT. OLIVET—Mr. George Preddy, Mrs. Lila K. Evans.
OLIVE GROVE—Mr. Juddie Keith, Mr. T. A. Sherron, Mrs. Lela G. Perry, Mrs. Bashia C. Aiken, Mrs. Lee Forsyth.
OXFORD—Miss Dorothy Parham, Mr. Sidney Currin, Mrs. H. J. Robards, Mr. Hubert Chappell, Mr. J. E. Pittard, Mrs. J. B. Mayes, Miss Clara Rogers, Mrs. W. J. Wrenn, Mrs. Gordon Stahl, Mr. Lonnie Frank Perkinson, Mr. B. M. Owen, Mrs. W. H. Upchurch, Miss Sadie Parham, Mrs. B. F. Taylor.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. W. S. West.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. Sam Mangum, Mr. Blufford Adcock, Mr. L. C. Saddler, Mrs. D. C. Grissom.

POPLAR CREEK—Miss Sue Hester.
PROVIDENCE—Deacon John N. Watkins, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Wheeler.
ROCK SPRING—Mr. Willie Riggan, Mr. Parham Vaughan.
SHARON—Mr. J. K. Long, Deacon R. M. Laws.
STOVALL—Mr. Reuben Faucette, Deacon R. M. Noblin.
TALLY HO—Mrs. G. W. Stem.
WEST OXFORD—Mrs. L. C. Oakley, Mrs. Richard Oakley, Mr. Wardie Moss, Mr. L. C. Oakley, Mr. E. G. Moon.
FRANKLINTON—Mr. W. G. Johnson, Mr. Ernest J. Dickerson, Mr. R. G. Massengale.

Oren Bradley
Herman Currin
Mrs. George T. Wilson
Committee

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Report on Relief and Annuity was read by Mr. D. F. Lanier and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

On the morning of May 16, 1918, The Southern Baptist Convention brought into being the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities, to be located at Dallas, Texas. The intent of those who founded the Relief and Annuity Board was to provide reasonable comforts and material necessities for the preachers of the gospel who by reason of age or affliction to provide for themselves necessary comforts of life. To function satisfactorily in the discharge of their God given tasks had little if any opportunity to increase their income in secular pursuits. We believe the plan devised by them to be the most effectual plan that could ever be instituted. That is the minister until he reaches the age of 65 or who before reaching 65 becomes physically or otherwise disable to carry on his work, pays to the board four per cent of his salary, his church, or churches, also paying the same amount, which amount is supplimented by the Baptist State Convention. Your committee would urge churches and young ministers to avail themselves of their protection against dependence in their declining years. The sooner a young minister begins cooperation with this board, the more time he will have to build up his base. The board has a plan to offer every person who is employed in denominational work, whether pastor, missionary, field worker, or janitor. The time has not come and will not come for many years when there will not be the necessity for aiding these servants of the Lord and in this day of high prices for food, raiment, medicine and other necessities, we should put forth every possible effort to the end that these material benefits should be increased.

D. F. Lanier

Hymn—"I Am Resolved."
Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. W. J. Edwards and closing prayer.
Remarks by the Moderator.
Adjourn.

Sam C. Hall, Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additio	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Amis Chapel	R	1854	2-4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	4	17	10	248	71	319	1	8		Yes	$ 1,800.00
Brassfield	R	1823	1-3	R. D. Speas, Wake Forest	2	2	2	91	10	101	1		No	No	600.00
Bullock	V	1904	All		3	2	4	122	57	179	1	20	Yes	No	1,760.00
Butner	T	1948	All	Hal M. Helms, Butner	4	15	4	129	9	138	1		No	Yes	3,780.00
Concord	R	1782	2-4	James G. Dissel, Wake Forest	7	4	7	75	49	124	1	2	No	No	750.00
Corinth	R	1832	1-3	Norman Hicks, Oxford	3	5	9	184	52	236	1	14	No	No	1,500.00
Creedmoor	T	1895	All	Robert L. Liner, Creedmoor	44	38	15	298	71	369	1	36	No	No	3,600.00
Dexter	R	1906	2-4	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	4	4	12	112	96	208	1	20	No	No	1,200.00
Enon	R	1875	1-3	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	6	5	15	306	101	407	1		Yes	No	2,220.00
Fellowship	R	1840	1-3	R. R. Pulley, 1236 N. Person St., Raleigh	10	2	9			247	1				1,000.00
Florence Ave	V	1891	All	T. O. Moak, Jr., Virgilina, Va.		3	6	67	41	111	1	9		Yes	3,000.00
Franklinton	T	1858	All	Thomas J. Holmes, Franklinton	46	53	35	397	105	512	1	56	No	No	4,000.00
Grassy Creek	R	1754	All	Dennis M. Larkins, Oxford	13	2	8	220	243	463	1	8	No	Yes	2,300.00
Hester	R	1823	All	Paul C. Mattox, Oxford	8	4	23	516	34	550	1	37	No	Yes	4,200.00
Island Creek	R	1822	All		11	2	7	331	199	530	1	75	Yes	No	2,000.00
Knott's Grove	R	1901	2-4	P. A. Cline, Jr., Oxford	12		8	90	58	148	1	4	No	Yes	1,800.00
Mountain Creek	R	1860	All	Dennis M. Larkins, Oxford	4	3	5	354	125	479	1	60	No	Yes	2,000.00
Mt. Olivet	R	1865	All	D. W. Cooper, Wake Forest		5	5			242	1	12	No	No	960.00
Mt. Zion	V		All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	16	6	6	313	59	372	1		No	No	2,220.00
Olive Grove	R		All	C. H. Beard, Wake Forest	13	3	5	200	82	282	1	5	No		1,500.00
Oxford	C	1848	All	M. L. Banister, Oxford	26	33	76	978	363	1341	1	98	No	Yes	5,100.00
Peace's Chapel	R	1887	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	18	12	18	230	136	366	1	3	No	No	1,500.00
Pleasant Grove	R	1858	2-4	Warren Turner, Wake Forest	8	3	8	187	26	213	1		No	Yes	800.00
Poplar Creek	R		2-4	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	1		4	74	27	101	1	3	No	Yes	800.00
Providence	V	1907	All	P. A. Cline, Jr., Oxford	10	5	12	296	77	373	1	27	No	Yes	2,000.00
Rock Spring	R	1886	1-3	E. D. Flowers, Jr., Wake Forest	2	5	5	140	121	261	1	2			1,600.00
Sharon	R		All	Warren Turner, Wake Forest		1	15	170	30	200	1	21	No	No	1,000.00
Stovall	V	1886	All	Oren Bradley, Stovall	24	14	15	514	200	714	1		Yes	No	4,000.00
Tabb's Creek	R	1908	1-3	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	5	3	4	100	107	207	1	5	No	Yes	1,200.00
Tally Ho	R			C. H. Norris, Wake Forest			6			142		2	No	No	400.00
West Oxford	C	1910	All	A. S. Lamm, Oxford	39	22	21	229		229	2	41	No	Yes	3,600.00
				Totals	343	273	379	6971	2549	10,164	31	528			$64,190.00

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V. B. S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Amis Chapel	John Bradshaw, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2			15	19	28	9	55	60		1	187	136	78	76	No	No
Brassfield	E. L. Veasey, Franklinton, Rt. 1			13		19	13	18	33			96	63	68	66	No	No
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock		4	10	12	24	23	16	35			124	79	74	69	No	No
Butner	Melvin O. Lester, Creedmoor, Rt. 2	14	13	12	14	36	30	39	53	30	3	244	117	62	56	No	No
Concord	Joe Bryant, Jr., Raleigh			12	7	12		14	26		2	73	46	40	34	No	No
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2			14	17	20	14	17	49			131	80	53	47	No	No
Creedmoor	Aubrey L. Wheeler, Creedmoor		35	20	27	53	32	26	124	8	3	328	196	134			
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5			2	6	12	11	5	40			76	54	41	37	No	1
Enon	James Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 1	20		20	16	25	51	92	99			323	210	110	105	Yes	No
Fellowship	W. Sam Hobgood, Creedmoor											140	108	65	55		
Florence Ave.	George P. Smith, Virgilina, Va.			13	8	13	9		32		4	79	48	40	33	No	
Franklinton	W. T. Hutchins, Franklinton		19	44	57	64	50	35	158		4	431	268	170	151	Yes	2
Grassy Creek	J. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.			13	21	25	19	42	53			173	128	94	87	No	No
Hester	Sam A. Howard, Oxford	20	15	22	25	30	30	50	245			437	245	130	123		1
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson		17	24	31	50	28	57	147			354	187	124	105	No	
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Kelley Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 2			7	5	7	14		34			67	50	41	32	Yes	
Mountain Creek	Elbert Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		8	22	24	30	34	46	90		2	256	134	105	98	No	No
Mt. Olivet	E. L. Blackley, Franklinton			13	11	8	9	11	42			94	48	64	61	No	
Mt. Zion	Marshall Murray, Oxford			24	37	53	35	34	169			353	184	168	152	Yes	
Olive Grove	Paul S. Horton, Northside			12	14	18	9	63	14		2	132	76	72	67		
Oxford	W. Marshall Cannady, Oxford		63	57	63	89	86	128	178	25	3	692	412	135	125	Yes	1
Peace's Chapel	Edward Woody, Oxford, Rt. 3	5	5	30	20	20	45	30	70			225	126	66	65	No	No
Pleasant Grove	R. Lee Smith, Creedmoor				18	12	13	15	70			128	75	44	41	No	No
Poplar Creek	J. Conley Capps, Henderson, Rt. 3			6	6		6		17			35	25	32	31	No	No
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2	13	24	28	38	36	38	38	122		5	342	175	167	148	Yes	No
Rock Spring	George T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5			11	10	10	6	15	52			104	70	58	56		
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4	10		7	6	14	12	20	40			109		82	81	No	
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall		21	21	34	52	53	36	174		5	396	220	120	111	No	1
Tabb's Creek	Osborne Currin, Oxford, Rt. 4			21		16	17	20	49		10	133	78	70	62	No	
Tally Ho	J. W. Weldon, Stem				13		17	16	24			70	40	25		No	No
West Oxford	A. D. Dillehay, Oxford		5	12	27	41	40	112	110		4	351	212	57	53	No	

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Brassfield	Rev. R. D. Speas, Wake Forest						13			13	10
Bullock	Mrs. H. F. Gill, Bullock	4			12	12		15		43	20
Butner	Mrs. Fred Coley, Butner		5		10	10		10	2	37	
Concord	Mrs. Joe Bryant, Jr., Raleigh		5		7		7	13	3	35	27
Creedmoor	Miss Beth White, Creedmoor	4	5	6	18	30		40	4	107	
Florence Ave.	Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.		4			6		13	3	26	20
Franklinton	George W. Hale, Franklinton, Rt. 1	1	2	11	33	30	12	32	8	129	73
Grassy Creek	Miss Gladys Elliott, Nelson, Va.			10	10		8	10		38	
Hester	P. J. Wynne, Jr., Oxford		12		12	10	15	10	3	62	45
Island Creek	Mrs. J. R. Sneed, Henderson		18	18	11	22	20	41	4	134	79
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Myrtie Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		8	9	21	20	6	12	15	77	46
Oxford	J. P. Jones, Oxford		6		20	10	8	6	2	52	40
Peace's Chapel	George Gresham, Kittrell, Rt. 2			12	10	13		10	3	48	25
Pleasant Grove	Miss Rosa Lee Lawrence, Creedmoor				10	9	10	14	2	45	30
Rock Spring	Bill Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5				17		11	16		44	40
Sharon	Clyde Powell, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 1	7			9	12	19	24		71	
Stovall	Mrs. Marrow Stovall, Oxford, Rt. 4		8	4	26	24	7	22	4	95	76
	Totals	16	73	70	226	208	136	288	53	1008	531

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. J. L. Garner, Nelson, Va.	1	1	1	1	1	5	63	12	10	14	32	126	63	8
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1			1		2	31			6		37	37	15
Butner	Mrs. Gladys Gray, Butner	1					1	32					32	10	10
Concord	Mrs. Graham Goss, Stem, Box 60	1					1	13					13	13	
Corinth	Mrs. Raymond Currin, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	32	10	10	8	14	74	61	14
Creedmoor	Mrs. Ruby Norgaard, Creedmoor	1		1	1		3	57		35	26		118		
Dexter	Mrs. B. W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	20		7	6	2	35	24	23
Enon	Mrs. J. T. Yancey, Oxford, Rt. 3	1	1	1	1	1	5	67	12	20	20	26	145		30
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.	1					1	15					15		9
Franklinton	Mrs. W. T. Hutchins, Franklinton	1	1	2	1	1	6	82	12	24	25	32	175	120	16
Grassy Creek	Mrs. George T. Winston, Nelson, Va.	1			1		2	25			9		34	22	
Hester	Mrs. T. T. Hughes, Oxford, Rt. 1	2	1	1	2	1	7	94	10	26	27	41	198	158	26
Island Creek	Mrs. C. C. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 4	2	1	2	1	1	7	70	5	20	10	10	125	10	14
Knott's Grove	Mrs. William H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	1					1	24					24		4
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Herley Clark, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	47	12	23	12	22	116	82	13
Mt. Olivet	Mrs. E. L. Blackley, Franklinton, Rt. 1	1				1	2	25				20	45	45	12
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Harry Newton, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	2	1	6	44	17	30	27	37	155	53	23
Olive Grove	Mrs. Aubrey Veasey, Northside, Rt. 1	1					1	13					13	13	5
Oxford	Mrs. Thomas B. Currin, Oxford	1	1	2	1	1	6	230	9	31	13	40	323	210	96
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Clifton Walters	1				1	2	20				16	36	17	3
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Russell Averette, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	1					1	12					12	10	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. B. M. Crews, Henderson, Rt. 4	1					1	21					21	17	3
Providence	Mrs. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	2	1	1	6	38	17	32	14	45	136	124	22
Rock Spring	Mrs. George T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	14		13	8	20	55		
Sharon	Mrs. John R. Williams, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	31	13	12	8	16	80	70	21
Stovall	Mrs. Sterling Grissom, Oxford, Rt. 5	2	1	2	2	1	8	45	21	28	15	19	128	64	49
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. James Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 3	1		1		1	3	29		19		15	63	30	5
Tally Ho	Mrs. Ralph Whitfield, Stem	1					1	38					38	30	3
West Oxford	Mrs. Walter Hughes, Oxford	1	1		1		3	57	10		24		91	30	20
	Totals	32	13	21	21	17	104	1270	160	328	277	403	2442	1371	480

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	Enrolment of Brotherhoo	Meetings Held During Ye	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program Coming Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year	Does your church have a library?	Full-time	Part-time	Salary	Volunteer	Number church choirs	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Amis Chapel	Willie S. Young, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	34	12	$	$ 30,000.00	$	$ 300.00	$ 130.00	Yes			$				
Brassfield				15,000.00	45,000.00	3,000.00	500.00	110.00						1		
Bullock				7,500.00	22,500.00	1,522.00	600.00	100.00						2		
Butner					3,000.00		100.00	65.00						1		
Concord					5,000.00											
Corinth					80,000.00	10,000.00										
Creedmoor																
Dexter				4,500.00	40,000.00			213.00						3		
Enon																
Fellowship				5,000.00	10,000.00		300.00	75.00								
Florence Ave.				5,000.00	55,000.00		1,704.00	260.00		Yes		1,300.00		2		
Franklinton				6,000.00	20,000.00				Yes					1		
Grassy Creek				17,500.00	92,500.00	7,800.00	1,925.00	292.00						2		
Hester					150,000.00		800.00	200.00								
Island Creek																
Knott's Grove				6,500.00	21,500.00									1		
Mountain Creek					10,000.00											
Mt. Olivet				4,200.00	100,000.00		500.00	100.00								
Mt. Zion					27,500.00				Yes							
Olive Grove											Yes		✓	4		Yes
Oxford	John D. Mackie, Oxford	30	8	20,000.00	320,000.00	500.00		180.00								
Peace's Chapel					10,000.00						Yes		✓	1		
Pleasant Grove							125.00	50.00	Yes							
Poplar Creek				7,500.00	85,000.00	6,500.00	500.00				Yes		✓	2		
Providence																
Rock Spring					32,000.00											
Sharon				10,000.00	42,500.00		1,200.00	350.00								
Stovall					35,000.00					Yes			✓			
Tabb's Creek					3,500.00											
Tally Ho														1		
West Oxford				12,000.00	35,000.00	14,371.00	600.00	100.00								
	Totals	64	20	$ 120,700.00	$1,284,000.00	$ 43,693.00	$ 9,154.00	$ 2,225.00		5	3	$1,300.00	4	21		

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions
Amis Chapel	W. S. Young, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	$ 200.00	$ 70.00	$ 422.48	$ 170.85	$ 4
Brassfield	C. W. Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	50.00	50.00		32.00	
Bullock	Mrs. R. C. Hyler, Bullock	200.00	507.29		361.08	
Butner	L. B. Perkinson, Butner	420.00	544.01	1,731.34	399.58	
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor		105.32		139.31	
Corinth	Milton Blackley, Oxford, Rt. 2		24.00		49.18	
Creedmoor	Mrs. Joseph Hester, Creedmoor	725.00	737.58	982.20	913.20	
Dexter	S. W. Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5		268.50	1,968.88	236.29	
Enon	S. T. Knott, Oxford	420.00	1,439.35	204.35	694.57	2
Fellowship	W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor, Rt. 2	104.00	281.07		139.76	1
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Ellen Wilkins, Virgilina, Va.		1,206.69		200.00	
Franklinton	E. G. Rogers, Franklinton	1,599.00	1,915.68	2,655.33	1,358.72	6
Grassy Creek	C. C. Timberlake, Nelson, Va.	300.00	332.64		175.00	
Hester	Johnnie C. Currin, Oxford	820.00	1,015.72	184.63	688.76	3
Island Creek	C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1,000.00	392.28		360.00	3
Knott's Grove	William H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	40.00	150.00		62.82	1
Mountain Creek	D. A. Parham, Oxford, Rt. 4	372.00	859.92		484.95	
Mt. Olivet	Norwood Kearney, Franklinton, Rt. 1		251.29		113.34	
Mt. Zion	Daniel Hunt, Oxford, Rt. 1	144.00	200.00	140.23	298.33	
Olive Grove	Paul Chappell, Northside, Rt. 1	135.00	160.68		160.37	
Oxford	Melvin S. Currin, Oxford	4,205.00	728.96		1,105.97	
Peace's Chapel	James Bennett, Kittrell, Rt. 2	96.65	70.04		301.37	
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	150.00	191.40		108.00	1
Poplar Creek	R. M. Boyd, Henderson, Rt. 3		10.00	721.50	33.48	
Providence	Miss Lila Piper, Oxford, Rt. 2	325.00	411.17	3,960.92	318.43	1
Rock Spring	Aulick Keeton, Clarksville, Va., Rt. 1	152.50			151.58	1
Sharon	Archie Denny, Roxboro, Rt. 3				133.37	1
Stovall	J. B. Pittard, Stovall	673.00	1,137.79	26.00	749.62	
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5	75.00	80.00		155.47	
Tally Ho	F. C. Wilkins, Stem		92.44	70.16		
West Oxford	S. E. Beasley, Oxford	684.00	708.43	2,685.78	616.97	
	Totals	$12,890.15	$13,942.25	$15,763.80	$10,355.91	$ 3,4

Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
$ 300.00	$ 130.00	$ 56.00	$ 353.04	$ 353.04	$ 75.00	$ 200.00	$ 100.00	$ 125.00	$ 1,692.08	$ 6,081.48
246.13	50.00			18.69	21.70	373.08	33.47	33.90	776.97	1,583.97
513.00	110.00	102.00	93.00	242.77		388.00	207.00	76.81	1,732.58	9,423.89
500.00	50.00	14.60	17.02	26.71		13.92	6.70		628.95	8,068.31
107.50	53.50	13.00	14.00	17.00		34.25	57.36		296.61	1,451.84
124.05	110.00	58.60	31.90	58.00	75.00	70.00	28.00	32.00	567.55	2,444.97
220.03	100.00	91.72	46.41	24.25		300.05	72.00	40.50	895.26	14,460.32
97.50	43.75	18.75	22.52	37.96	15.00	69.00	10.00	15.60	330.08	4,192.97
2,544.57	202.80	300.00	300.00	410.00	140.00	600.00	288.00	667.56	5,452.93	10,905.32
176.50				5.00	25.00	216.79	18.60		441.89	2,170.12
300.00	75.00	61.00	93.00	104.87	60.00	240.00	80.00	120.00	1,133.87	5,859.56
1,274.29	280.00	72.39	50.25	72.44		382.57	173.58	200.00	2,505.52	17,493.37
513.15	180.00	10.16	23.92	83.55		204.69	50.60	80.00	1,146.07	4,391.41
1,925.00	280.00	264.47	350.63	399.29	75.00	225.00	437.00	171.20	4,127.59	20,644.61
800.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	200.00		215.00	212.00	149.97	1,976.97	8,723.35
174.70		53.50	20.80	41.10	9.20		100.10		399.40	3,125.97
2,365.01	227.00	31.61	93.80	92.85		442.12	63.02		3,315.41	8,194.97
10.50			18.50	17.50		25.00	25.00	76.23	172.73	1,629.92
487.75	100.00	42.23	61.43	64.00	30.76	300.00	100.00		1,185.67	5,553.16
252.65	100.00	67.07	55.59	25.00	25.00	88.88	45.34	42.13	701.66	2,975.72
9,467.16	623.00	175.00	257.90	2,076.89	754.00	956.00	375.00		14,684.95	31,000.95
239.40	180.00	52.58	23.85	54.61		192.30	57.00	20.15	819.89	3,295.76
23.95	75.00	26.50	11.00	26.80		100.00	32.65	15.55	311.45	1,915.17
50.00	50.00	7.00	25.00	28.00		25.00	20.00		205.00	1,929.45
681.25	160.00	38.71	56.65	86.91		125.00	31.70	23.44	1,203.66	11,797.23
367.31	100.00	33.60	48.62	37.00		215.76	32.35		834.64	3,527.58
287.57	29.50	65.30	44.00	50.00		346.77	32.94	57.87	913.95	2,465.71
1,200.00	240.00	125.03	206.53	345.57	50.00	230.00	50.00	144.00	2,591.13	12,306.60
426.61	100.00	32.44	32.53	47.15		167.00	35.00	17.00	857.73	3,556.26
70.00	25.00		37.24			55.38	48.30	19.13	255.05	917.65
	106.00		55.00	112.75		100.00	50.00		423.75	10,527.36
5,745.58	$ 3,980.55	$ 1,913.26	$ 2,544.13	$ 5,359.70	$ 1,355.66	$ 6,736.23	$ 2,872.71	$ 2,128.04	$52,635.86	$222,204.67

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CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Missionary Baptist Church, "other than a duly organized Missionary Baptist Church which has been a member in good standing for a period of twelve months, or more, with another Missionary Baptist Association, any such Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be received into the Association upon a majority vote of the members present."

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall

be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member for each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3

The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.

2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.

3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.

4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.

5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.

6—No speaker may be allowed to speak but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.

7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.

8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.

10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.

11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

Leland Bailey
Herbert W. Baucom
Oren Bradley
P. A. Cline, Jr.
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D. W. Cooper
James G. Dissell
W. J. Edwards
Fred V. Ellis
E. W. Greene
Floyd Hellams
Norman Hicks
Ronald D. Hicks
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MESSENGERS—1954 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. James Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Frazier.
BRASSFIELD—G. B. Allen, T. W. Allen, Mrs. Allen Hockaday.
BULLOCK—Oliver Davis, Robert Walker, Mrs. Tom Cutts.
BUTNER—Leon B. Perkinson, M. O. Lester, M. Sidney Gupton.
CONCORD—Joe Bryant, Jr., Mrs. Graham Goss, Mrs. W. B. Clark, Sr.
CORINTH—James Gillis, Mrs. Frank Averette, Wallace Brummitt.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Dennis Brummitt, Mrs. A. O. Curl, Mrs. Ray Braxton, Mrs. Hubert Sanderford, Mrs. S. C. Lyon, Rev. R. T. Liner.
DEXTER—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harper, Mrs. Lucius Barker.
ENON—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Tyree Woody, Carl Ragland, Mrs. C. P. Critcher.
FELLOWSHIP—J. H. Perry, Alvis Whitaker, Miss Myrtle Whitaker.
FLORENCE AVE.—Fred Winfree, Miss Bettie Royster, George Smith.
FRANKLINTON—Rev. H. H. Luehrs, Frank Fagan, E. G. Rogers, Mrs. H. H. Utley, Mrs. Annie Bradie.
GRASSY CREEK—Mrs. J. L. Sizemore, Mrs. Y. A. Sizemore, Shirley Loftis, J. J. Moore, C. C. Timberlake.
HESTER—Mrs. Raymond Adcock, Mrs. James Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Boadie Currin, Jr., Mrs. Sam A. Howard, Mrs. Sterling Carrington, Mrs. F. R. Barlowe.
ISLAND CREEK—C. C. O'Brien, C. Y. Harris, Jr., Victor Knott, Herbert Norwood, C. L. Elliott.
KNOTT'S GROVE—Mrs. Graham Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dean.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Elbert Blackwell, Mrs. John Woods, Clarence Frazier.
MT. OLIVET—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Catlette, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackley.
MT. ZION—Daniel Hunt, Mrs. Nat Baird, Mrs. Collie Jones, Mrs. Jimmy Hobgood.
OLIVE GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. Roger Forsythe, Emmett M. Perry.
OXFORD—R. R. Herring, W. A. Devin, Mrs. Thomas B. Currin.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sneed, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Newton.
PLEASANT GROVE—W. H. Fuller, Ollie Milton, Mrs. Jody Chisenhall.
POPLAR CREEK—M. C. Boyd, Mrs. Charlie Greenway, Mrs. Wilson Parrott.
PROVIDENCE—R. N. Watkins, Miss Lila Piper, Mrs. Ruth Dean, Mrs. D. Y. Averette, Sr.
ROCK SPRING—Mrs. E. J. Knott, Jim Moody, William Reese, Vaughan Mittern, James Reese, Mrs. John Norwood.
SHARON—Clyde Powell, Spurgeon Denny, Mrs. Sidney Greenway.
STOVALL—Mrs. George Frazier, L. I. Currin, Marrow Stovall, Jack Newton.
TABB'S CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Oakes, Mrs. Roy Belcher.
TALLY HO—F. C. Wilkins, Jack Green, Ralph Whitfield.
TUNGSTEN—Frank M. Swann, Mrs. Dave Pittman, Mrs. Fred Ellis.
WEST OXFORD—Rev. E. G. Usry, D. F. Lanier, F. M. Wilson.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION

Held With

DEXTER AND FELLOWSHIP CHURCHES

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Sixty-First Annual Session of the Flat River Association convened with Dexter Church, October 12, 1954, 10:00 A. M. with Moderator Sam C. Hall presiding.

Devotion was led by Rev. Jack Coffey.

Roll Call of Churches.

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Report on Committees was read by Rev. Ronald Hicks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Committee on Nominations_____Rev. A. S. Lamm, Mr. Reuben Eakes, Mr. Hart Curl.
Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher_____Rev. Norman Hicks, Mr. Fred Winfree, Mrs. Calvin Critcher.
Committee on Resolutions_____Rev. Paul C. Mattox, Mrs. Cameron Hobgood, Mrs. Horace Hicks.
Committee on Obituaries_____Rev. P. A. Cline, Jr., Mrs. Tyree Woody, Mrs. Jimmy Hobgood.

Ronald D. Hicks
Mrs. Flora Mann
Mrs. J. A. Timberlake
Millard Brummitt
Committee

Report of Promotional Secretary was read by Rev. W. J. Edwards and adopted.

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

In November of 1953, I was asked by the Executive Committee of the Flat River Baptist Association to assume the work of Promotional Secretary. My duties were limited to the Associational Office and the responsibility of the Flat River Baptist Hour. The office was to be kept open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Mornings between the hours of 9 A. M. and 12 noon. During these hours, I was to promote the program, regular meetings, called meetings, and other business of the Association.

It has been good to see the many forward steps that have been taken by the churches over the Association. Several of the churches have made improvements in their buildings and grounds, other improvements have been planned or are now underway.

The work that I have done outside the office, has been done as a pastor in the Association. In the office, I have planned and worked with the committees of the Association to promote the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Sunday School Rally meetings, and the Training Union Mass meetings. It has been a genuine pleasure to work, plan, and pray with these various groups to make these meetings as interesting as possible and to promote interest in them. One of the large and satisfying works of promotion has been the Flat River Baptist Hour. I appreciate the kind words that have been said about the broadcast and I believe that it meets a real need with our people. I am deeply grateful to all who have sacrificed their time to make the program possible. The Choral group and pianist meet and practice on their own time and are at the Radio Station to sing for you early every Sunday Morning. We should be proud of these young people from our churches who are willing to make this sacrifice. The other group who cooperates to make the Flat River Hour the high type of program that it is is our good pastors. I don't believe that I have had but one man in all the churches to say no to speaking on the broadcast. When we think of the busy time that Sundays are for the preachers, we do appreciate more the sacrifice of their time to speak for us.

I think the work is looking upward. I believe that God has a place in His plans for the Flat River Baptist Association. Let us covenant together in our hearts that we are going to do business for God with a willingness in our hearts to be used of Him. In so doing, "To be found Faithful," to the glorious end.

W. J. Edwards,
Promotional Secretary

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Report of Executive Committee was read by Sam C. Hall, and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Flat River Baptist Association is composed of all the active pastors of churches in the Association; the persons who are

to make reports to the Association the following year, and eight lay members, two of whom are elected each year by the Association. The constitution requires that this Committee shall meet at least once each quarter "to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and report to the Association."

All meetings of your Committee were held in the Oxford Baptist Church, due to the central location.

The Organizational meeting was held on October 20th at 7:30 P. M. Officers were elected for the year as follows: Sam C. Hall, Chairman; Rev. Dennis Larkins, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Secretary. The Rev. W. J. Edwards, Rev. Oren Bradley and Mrs. Lonnie Nelms were appointed a committee to draw up an Associational Calendar. After considerable discussion regarding associational Missions Program, which was referred back to the Executive Committee by the Association, in annual session, a committee of three was appointed to bring to the Executive Committee definite recommendations, with program worked out as to personalities and amount of cost; these to be presented in a called meeting as soon as the committee was ready to report.

At a called meeting of the Executive Committee on November 17th, the Committee on Associational Missions Program, presented recommendations as follows:

1: That Rev. W. J. Edwards be employed on part time, to carry on radio programs and keep the office open 3 mornings a week.

2: His duties also to include publicity and promotion of Associational work and meetings.

3: Budget of $2,022.00 be adopted to take care of the cost.

4: That the churches be asked to give 25¢ per member to raise this budget and each church be notified.

The report was adopted by the Executive Committee. The title of Promotional Secretary was decided on for the new office. Mr. Claude Allen was elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. James Pruitt who was called back into service. The Association in session did not elect 2 members at large to serve until 1957, so Mr. W. W. Whitfield and Mr. C. M. Dean were elected to fill this term.

At the regular meeting of your Committee, on January 5th, Mr. Clement Yancey was introduced as Associational Sunday School Superintendent, having been elected at the preceding meeting. Mrs. Mack Satterwhite was elected to promote a Baptist College Committee, to work with young people in the Association.

At the regular meeting, on April 6th, Mr. Edwards gave information on various matters, and expressed appreciation for new equipment in the Associational office. He also requested that the churches send in their news for broadcast.

At the Regular meeting on July 6th, Mr. Edwards gave some interesting figures on Vacation Bible Schools in the Association and on gains made in the Sunday Schools, in the light of "A Million More in '54" campaign.

At the October 5th meeting the budget committee brought a proposed budget for the '54 and '55 year. After some discussion and a few changes a budget was approved and will be recommended to the association for adoption. A request from the Yates Association, that we take over the Sunday School work at Butner for the feeble minded, was accepted. The Churches are to rotate for a month at a time in this work. Our Promotional Secretary, Rev. W. J. Edwards brought us an excellent picture on Home Missions.

Numerous other items claimed the attention of the Executive Committee members during the past year, and your Moderator appreciates the faithfulness of those who have given their time and efforts to its functions. The credit for this report should go to the excellent minutes of our Secretary, Mrs. Lonnie Nelms.

Your Moderator has been given kind consideration and valuable aid by our Promotional Secretary, Rev. W. J. Edwards. He is doing a fine job for the Association, in fact, much more than he was asked to do.

Sam C. Hall, Chairman

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Rev. Zeb Caudle, Superintendent of the Albemarle Home for the Aging talked briefly.

Rev. Ronald Hicks discussed the need for a Motion Picture Projector for the Association and made motion that one be purchased also that an offering be taken on both days of the Associational Meeting for same. After discussion by Rev. W. J. Edwards, and Rev. Paul Mattox, the motion was carried.

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Report on Religious Literature was read by Miss Lila Piper, discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

It is well that the opening report of this 161st session of the Flat River Association be that of Religious Literature. Perhaps a better title would be Christian Literature. Let us think of Christian Literature as being the key that opens to us the doorway of knowledge and understanding of the various phases of our denominational program.

This KEY opens to us the needs of the world and awakens us to our responsibilities in meeting these needs, thus undergirding our entire mission program.

This KEY opens the way for our Sunday Schools, our Training Unions, our mission organizations to carry on their work effectively through the use of the various quarterlies and periodicals published for their use.

Our schools, orphanages and hospitals are presented to us through our Christian literature.

Let us remember that this KEY must be used if it is to help, for the effectiveness of our denominational program depends largely upon the knowledge of our people. Only the *informed* Baptist can ever become an *inspired* Baptist.

Planned primarily for the information of N. C. Baptists, we have the Biblical Recorder. This periodical is just as necessary to the N. C. Baptist family as is the textbook to the schoolboy. The Recorder presents and promotes *all* our Baptist work. The information gained by weekly reading leads us to become "inspired" Baptists.

We would urge the pastors and church officials to seriously consider the placing of our church paper in our church budgets so that all the church families may receive it.

To supplement our state paper there are many specialized periodicals available, such as the Commission, presenting foreign missions, the Home Mission Magazine and many others. Here in N. C. we have the Charity and Children that has become a part of so many of our homes, bringing specialized news on our Orphanage and the ministry of Child Care.

We are proud of the type of literature released to us by our own Southern and State Conventions. We would cast a wary eye upon any who would tell us to discard it for their particular brand. So far as I know none of our Flat River churches have as yet, been molested by those who call themselves Baptist, make their way into our churches and begin teaching something altogether different from our basic beliefs, often times attempting to replace our church literature. This has happened and is still happening in our state. We may be sure that when better church literature is published the Southern Baptist Convention and its affiliates will produce it.

If you would know our world and its spiritual needs; if you would know our denomination and its program for meeting these needs; if you would build a better local church then give attention to reading for—

A reading church is an informed church;
An informed church is an interested church;
An interested church is an acting church;
An acting church is a serving church;
A serving church is a Christian church.

Lila Piper

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Hymn—"Living For Jesus"

Introduction of new Pastors and their wives by Rev. Dennis Larkins, also the following visitors, Mr. E. D. Flowers, Raleigh, Rev. J. U. Teague, Henderson, and Rev. E. G. Usry.

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Report on Hospital was read by Mrs. Casper Critcher, discussed by Dr. Richard K. Young and adopted.

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital is caring for more people this year than at any other time in its history. This is possible because of the use of the New South Wing, about half of which is now complete and in use. This new building provides many new and enlarged facilities which add a great deal to the service provided for our people. About 14,000 bed patients will receive treatment in the hospital

in the course of the year, while many other thousands will be seen in the clinics.

The enlargement of the hospital has made possible the enlarging of our school of nursing, it being one of the largest in the State. Our hospital offers a superior type of training and its graduates have high rating wherever they go. This means that our nursing school can accept only students of the highest caliber. They especially want those high grade students of fine Christian character from our Baptist homes. A new class enters each September. Prospective students should write to the Director of Nurses in advance and make application early in the year since there are far more applications than can be accepted.

The Baptist Hospital with the various schools associated with it forms an important educational center in the field of medical care. It trains doctors, nurses, technicians, and pastors and other Christian workers. The center of the entire hospital program is always the sick person, however. Everything else is secondary to and must be in the interest of the patient.

For the past ten years our Federal and State Governments have assisted in a program of building hospitals in counties and areas where there had been no hospitals. This program increases the importance of our Baptist Medical Center in relation to the family physician and the local hospital. The majority of the patients who go to our Medical Center are sent by their own local doctors in order that the patient may have the benefit of such facilities and specialists.

Our Hospital provides this type of service for persons who cannot pay for it, as well as for those who can pay in full. This is where our churches share in this ministry of healing.

Mrs. Casper P. Critcher
Hospital Representative

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Following a special offering for purchase of Movie Projector, prayer was led by Rev. Jack Coffey.

Special music by Choral Group of the Association.

Annual Sermon by Rev. E. D. Flowers, Jr., who spoke on Christian Leadership.

Announcement by the host pastor, Rev. W. J. Edwards, who adjourned the session with prayer.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotion was led by Rev. R. R. Pulley.

Hymn—"Come Thou Almighty King"

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On motion, Rev. Dennis M. Larkins was elected Moderator, W. A. Mitchiner, Vice-Moderator, Sam A. Howard, Clerk, John N. Watkins, Jr., Treasurer, and Melvin S. Currin, Auditor.

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Report of the Treasurer was read by John N. Watkins, Jr., also report of Budget Committee. After a motion was carried to raise the Promotional Secretary's salary $100.00, these two reports were adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Churches of Association	$1,982.98
Received from Revival	402.87
Balance in Bank 10-11-53	892.12
Total All Sources	$3,277.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary for Clerk	$ 60.00
Salary for Treasurer	60.00
Salary W. J. Edwards, Field Worker	850.00
Radio Program	250.00
Office Rent	240.00
Telephone	110.19
Printing	256.93
Office Supplies	57.96
Office Equipment	59.52
Desk and Chair	75.50
Typewriter	165.50
Mimeograph Machine	180.80
Refund of overpayment Mt. Olivet Church	12.90
Total Disbursements	$2,379.30
Balance in Bank 10-11-54	$ 898.67
Balance due from Churches	$ 247.25

John N. Watkins, Jr., Treasurer

I hereby certify that I have audited the Books of the Flat River Baptist Association and that all receipts and disbursements are properly accounted for and are in accordance with the Bank records as of Oct. 11, 1954.

Melvin S. Currin, Auditor

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE
FLAT RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1954-1955

Radio	$ 300.00
Salary	1,000.00
Office Rent	240.00
Telephone	100.00
Printing	300.00
Sunday School	50.00
Training Union	50.00
Woman's Missionary Union	50.00
Postage, Publicity, Etc.	150.00
Retirement	32.00
Salary Clerk	60.00
Salary Treasurer	60.00
	$2,392.00

Ask Churches to give 25¢ per member per year.

Resident members	6,971
Total Members	10,164

John N. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Dennis M. Larkins

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Evangelism in '55 was stressed by Dr. J. C. Canipe, and on motion the Association voted to cooperate in the Evangelistic Program and for the Executive Committee to appoint a Director.

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Report on State Missions was read by Rev. Norman Hicks in absence of the author.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

From a recent survey made by Dr. E. L. Spivey, comes the astonishing report that 62½% of the people of North Carolina above the age of eight are not affiliated with any church; thus, most of this group we must assume is lost.

From the same report, Dr. Spivey points out that there are 760,000 Baptist Church-members in our state alone. Of that number it is estimated that only 35% is enlisted and being taught and trained in Christian giving, living and serving. Thus, we see that 65% of our own church constituency is not dedicated to the Christian Life and to daily service for Christ.

State Missions is the means through which North Carolina Baptists concentrate their efforts to reach the unsaved, to teach, enlist in giving, living and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

Three of the most significant phases of our State Missions Work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, and Rural Church Departments. The Sunday School Department contributes much to individual churches, especially in providing aids for Vacation Bible Schools. Over 2,000 schools have been reported for 1954, with offerings to the Cooperative Program of $23,000. Teacher Training Clinics are also provided along with Summer Assembly Programs which help churches throughout the entire state. The Training Union Department carries on a constant program of leadership training schools, enlargement campaigns in churches, and summer assemblies.

The Department of Evangelism helps individual churches and associations to evangelize their communities and to plan for and to promote concentrated efforts on winning the lost for Christ.

State Missions seeks out over populated and underchurched communities and areas and oft times provides a building site for a new church and helps supplement the salary of a minister who accepts the challenge of such an opportunity.

Pastor's Training Schools at Fruitland and Caswell attract many of our untrained or lesser trained ministers.

The Indians, the Negroes, the Silent People and many others are being given more of the gospel through State Missions, as are the Alcoholics being helped through the Allied Church League.

Our sons and daughters who are away in colleges, universities, business and medical schools, are being taught and trained to be a better leader for tomorrow through the Baptist Student Program provided for by State Missions.

Let us therefore as individual Christians accept the challenge of going back home and educating our people on the work of State Missions.

Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Jr.

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Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. Paul C. Mattox.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

There are 8½ million language groups like the French, the Italian, the Russian, the Chinese and the Japanese, 95% of whom have never embraced Christ. The Home Mission Board has 47 missionaries to the language groups.

There are 3½ million Spanish speaking people, many of whom do not know Christ, and among these we have 173 missionaries serving Christ.

There are 300,000 Indians, 1/3 of whom have never heard a gospel message. We have 100 missionaries teaching and preaching Christ to these.

There are 10,000,000 negroes, 50% of whom make no profession of faith in Christ. 52 missionaries from the Home Mission Board serve Christ among these.

70,000 deaf and dumb adults and children in the Southern Baptist Convention

are not being overlooked by our Home Mission Board. Eight missionaries are working for their salvation and enlightment.

The Home Mission Board is lifting its eyes up unto the 15 western states in which there are fewer than 100 rural Baptist churches, and where two out of every three people are without Christ. New churches are being organized and new church buildings being built as rapidly as our means will permit.

The Home Mission Board is lifting up its eyes unto the vast hords of migrant workers, who drift from place to place to find employment and who live year after year from hand to mouth literally. We have six missionaries laboring in this harvest field for Christ.

The Home Mission Board has a department of Jewish evangelism, 40 Good Will Centers, 7 homes for unwed and unfortunate mothers, 4 rescue mission homes where human wrecks are salvaged and saved by the amazing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

One Church cannot send missionaries to 300,000 Indians, 10,000,000 negroes, 70,000 deaf and dumb, thousands of migrant workers, and other "harvest fields," but many churches giving through the Cooperative Program can do so. Therefore, let us go back to our churches and give more in order that our saving Christ may be proclaimed throughout the length and bredth of our land.

Paul C. Mattox

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Report on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. A. O. Curl.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The field is very large for it includes all nations and the uttermost parts of the earth. Earlier in His ministry Jesus declared the field is the world. Fruit bearing on a world scale is our work. Our task is to take Christ to a needy world. The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Our task is to lift him up. Luke 19:10. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 70 missionaries during 1953. 37 have been appointed during the first five months of 1954. During the year and five months, 53 missionaries were lost from active service through death, resignation and retirement, giving an increase of 54 for active service. As of June 1, 1954, the board had 931 active missionaries.

Missionaries are located in 170 stations in 35 countries or territories.

The largest number of missionaries are in Brazil where we have 179. In Nigeria we have 166 and we have 101 in Japan. In Jamaica we have only 2 and in Egypt we have only 3 but both these countries were entered only this year.

Southern Baptists gave for Foreign Missions during 1953 a total of $8,759,948.87 through the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon offering and special designated gifts. The Commission, World Mission Magazine, had an average circulation of 86,535 during 1953.

The Board mourns the loss of Dr. M. T. Rankin, Executive Secretary, who

died June 27, 1953 and of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Latin American Secretary, who died April 25, 1954. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen was elected Executive Secretary and Dr. J. Winston Crawley, Missionary to the Philippines, was elected to his former position as Orient Secretary. Mr. Elbert L. Wright became Business Manager of the Board following the retirement of Mr. Louis P. Seay and Dr. Rogers M. Smith came to the board the first of the year as Field Representative.

Mrs. A. O. Curl

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Report on W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Lonnie Nelms.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

The thirty societies of Woman's Missionary Union in the Flat River Baptist Association have had a good year. They have been praying for missions, studying about missions, giving to missions. Greater interest is being manifested in the missionary education of young people. There have been increases in Young Peoples Organizations. One new society has been organized in the Brassfield Church, of which we are justly proud. Our women are becoming more conscious of the importance of leadership training, and leadership institutes and conferences are well attended. There are now only two churches in the Association with no missionary organizations of any kind, only six with no young peoples organizations.

Woman's Missionary Union aims to "major in missions", to foster and stimulate the missionary spirit in the whole church, to help our local churches to be good stewards. We have failed when records show that year after year our churches are using more and more of our dollars for local expenses, and giving less and less to missions. Are we denying the universal mission of Christ in our church budgets?

We have prayed, yes, but how often, how earnestly, how sincerely, and how fervently have we prayed? What part does real prayer have in our Seasons of Prayer? Dare we pray that God will call our young people to be missionaries? We may be few in number, but we can pray large prayers.

We have given, yes, but has it been the "first fruits" of our labors. Have we put God first or have we given Him the "leavings", and sometimes nothing at all, because there was nothing left.

Why are there so few subscribers to our Biblical Recorder and missionary magazines? Is our interest so little that we do not want to be a well-read and well-informed member of a missionary Baptist church?

Why are so few willing to lead out in Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday School, Brotherhood and Training Union? Is the quality of our dedication that which consents to and wishes well, but does nothing.

Woman's Missionary Union does not appropriate missions as the duty solely of the women of our churches, but seeks the united effort of the whole church family in the business of "Going—and Telling", for "we are laborers together". Any church can be big that has a world vision and a world mission.

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Supt.

These reports were adopted as a whole.
Missionary Address by Rev. R. K. Redwine.
Expression of thanks to Dexter Church for her hospitality.
Hymn—"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"
Adjournment Prayer, Rev. E. G. Usry.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

WITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Devotion was led by Rev. P. A. Cline.
Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers"

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Report on Orphanage was read by the Clerk in absence of the author, and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

At Thomasville Home the Recreational Center and the beautiful Church Building were completed during 1953. Now for the first time in its history Thomasville Home has adequate places for its children both to play and to worship. The Church stands in the very center of the campus with its tall spire pointing heavenward. It is by far the most beautiful building ever erected at your Orphanage. As the children are led in worship by their pastor, there is a spirit of reverence which would thrill the heart of every North Carolina Baptist.

They are about ready to let a contract for a new Church Building at Kennedy Home. It will enable them to meet the spiritual need of the children far better than ever before. North Carolina Baptists should rejoice that special friends have made these Church buildings possible. They should also thank God that every effort is being made to see that their homeless children are privileged to grow up in a spiritual atmosphere.

The income for 1953 was good. Our Churches through the Once-a-Month offering and the Thanksgiving offering continue to meet the challenge of the homeless children in our midst. Truly God will continue to bless our people as they minister to those who can't help themselves. Our Savior said, "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me."

Our new plan of Orphanage support should not be very different from the present plan. The Baptist State Convention voted for the Orphanage to come into the Cooperative Program beginning January 1, 1955. This gives any Church the privilege to send all its funds except the Thanksgiving offering through the Cooperative Program if it so desires. However, the General Board and the Executive Secretary of the Convention make the following recommen-

dations; First, that Churches that now take the Once-a-Month offering continue this plan. Second, that Churches which have the Orphanage in the Budget for a certain amount be encouraged to continue this same method during the period of transition.

Mrs. Fred A. Phipps

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Report on Home for The Aging was read by W. S. Young and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME FOR THE AGING

A step forward was taken when the Albemarle Home opened its doors on December 7, 1953. It afforded space for 35 additional residents, making the total capacity of the two Homes 54 residents—Resthaven, Winston-Salem (19), and the Albemarle Home (35). The purchase price of the property at Albemarle —Hospital and Nurses Home buildings and 3 acres of land—was $25,000. The cost of renovation was about $75,000, thus making the total cost of this plant $100,000. But, with the value of the equipment donated, the property there should now be worth at least $300,000. Good fortune was ours again in securing the splendid staff of helpers at Albemarle. Rev. Zeb A. Caudle, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, was selected to serve as superintendent of the Albemarle Home. Both the residents of, and all who have visited, the Home have been greatly pleased with the program of service.

Resthaven, at Winston-Salem, which began operating March 16, 1951, has been filled to capacity throughout the year. Although the ages in both Homes range from 67 to 94 years, there has been no death within the past year. The general health has been remarkably good, and the spirit of satisfaction on the part of the residents has been most encouraging.

A tract of 34 acres of land, just outside of the city limits of Winston-Salem, was purchased in 1953, for a central site for new buildings. The cost was $25,000. A topographical map has been made and an architect engaged to prepare sketches of buildings to be erected on this central site, as money and circumstances will permit.

The second Special Day Offering, February 21, 1954, was encouraging. The total amount will probably be $65,000 to $70,000. In addition, the Homes received $21,000 as their share of the Nine-Year Program. Word has come, too, of wills, from which the Homes will receive gifts. At least one will was probated in 1954, from which estate the Homes will receive $2,000. But the most encouraging progress has been the response, on the part of our churches, to the program of the Homes.

W. S. Young

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Hymn—"Must We Bear The Cross Alone"

Remarks by Rev. Garland Hendrick from our Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by L. Clement Yancey and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The work of our Sunday School is more firmly established among our Churches than any other of our organizations. In some of our churches, it is the only church service held regularly each Sunday Morning. It is the basis of our church's growth, because our Sunday School starts training from infancy, and it is from this group that our future church leaders, teachers and officers are found.

Most of our Sunday Schools in this Association have shown improvement during the past year.

1953 Enrollment: 6,683	1954 Enrollment 6,814	Gain 130
1953 Average Attendance 3,830	1954 Average Attendance 4,066	236
	Two churches not reporting	
V.B.S. Enrolled 2,873	V.B.S. Average Attendance 2,735	

We have held during the past year quarterly Associational Sunday School Rallies. The program committee is trying to arrange programs for these meetings that will be both helpful and constructive. Our attendance at these meetings during the past year has been rather disappointing. I sincerely hope that during the coming year more of you will try to attend these meetings, you will find them helpful.

Our workers in this Association know how to make a Sunday School grow, but I would like to review with you 7 laws relating to Sunday School growth:

1. The Law Relating to Number of Workers
   Sunday school enrollment increases in proportion to workers at the ratio of ten to one.
2. The Law Relating to Size of Classes
   Classes reach their maximum growth in a few months after their beginning.
3. The Law Relating to New Units
   New units grow faster, win more people to Christ, and provide more workers.
4. The Law Relating to Grading
   Grading by age provides the logical basis for adding new units.
5. The Law Relating to Promotion
   Promotion recognizes the natural laws of growth and development.
6. The Law Relating to Visitation
   Enrollment and attendance increases in proportion to the number of personal visits.
7. The Law Relating to the Building
   The building sets the pattern. A Sunday school cannot successfully grow beyond the capacity of its building.

L. C. Yancey
Associational Sunday School Supt.

Report on Training Union was read by C. H. Guerrant, and adopted.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

We have seen much progress in our Training Union in the past few years. In the year 1949, six (6) years ago, we had only six (6) churches in the Flat River Association that had a training union. Some of them were not fully graded. During these years, we have seen our organization climb very rapidly. Each year we have organized from one (1) to four (4) training unions in our churches. Now we are happy to report we have 20 training unions. Most of them fully graded. This number includes the one (1) added this year which is Mount Zion.

The enrollment has pleasingly increased during the past year. Last year our enrollment reached 1008, and to a very satisfactory number. This year to 1359. We are indeed pleased with this large increase. We feel also that there has been a fine spirit of work and fellowship among our members to gain this good number.

Some suggestions to the churches in the Flat River Association:

1. If you have a Training Union in your church:
   - A. Be sure your union is fully graded with all of its departments.
   - B. See that every officer in your union knows his or her duties.
   - C. If you have a neighbor church who doesn't have a training union, make plans to introduce training union in their church and help them organize a union.
2. If you do not have a Training Union in your church:
   - A. Have a committee or a group from your church to visit a Training Union in some other church and bring back a report on that training union.
   - B. Call a meeting of your members, invite a training union worker to meet with you and help you organize a Training Union.

C. H. Guerrant,
Associational Training Union Director

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Report on Baptist Colleges was read by Rev. T. O. Moak, Jr., and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST COLLEGES

Baptists have been progressive in providing colleges for the education of their young people. In the State of North Carolina we have seven Baptist colleges. Of these, two are senior colleges and two are junior. One has schools of law and medicine. Two provide education for high school students. All but one are coeducational.

Our colleges are located throughout the state. Wake Forest is in Wake County, Chowan is in Hertford County, Mars Hill is in Madison County, Campbell is in Harnett County, Wingate is in Union County, Meredith is in Wake County, and Gardner-Webb is in Cleveland County.

The combined enrollment of the colleges in 1953-54 was 4771. Of this number, 433 were being trained for the ministry and 236 were classified as mission volunteers.

The colleges are administered and operated by Boards of Trustees. Each board is composed of approximately 24 members named by the Baptist State Convention. Membership on the boards is restricted to those who are members of a Baptist church in North Carolina.

The total operating cost for the seven colleges in 1953-54 was $4,000,000.00. Of this amount $417,606.02 came from Baptists through the Cooperative Program. This is an average of $87.53 per student. Capital outlay for the colleges through the Cooperative Program amounted to $235,313.84, an average of 49.32 per student. This total of $136.85 is quite significant when compared to the amount made available by the State of North Carolina for each student in the three branches of the Greater University. The state provides $554 annually for each student for operating costs and an average (over the last six years) of $500 annually for each student in capital outlay. This is a total of $1,054 per student in contrast to our $136.85.

In spite of this obstacle, our colleges have secured competent personnel and have maintained high scholastic standards. The work is accredited by the North Carolina College Conference and by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

Thomas O. Moak, Jr.

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Address on Christian Education by Claude F. Gaddy.
Offering was taken for Movie Projector.
Announcement by host pastor, Rev. R. R. Pulley.
Adjournment prayer, Rev. C. H. Norris.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"Love Lifted Me"
Devotion was led by Rev. C. H. Norris.

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Report on Cooperative Program was read by Rev. W. J. Edwards in absence of the author, and adopted.

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Recall the statement of Jesus in Luke 2:29: "I must be about my Father's business." The Father's business is "Important Business" and in our present day

world any important business enterprise is dependent upon a method of finance. The Cooperative Program is a method of finance for the Father's business as administered by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Small amounts coming from a large number of sources will equal a large sum. It is necessary that we who would make an effort to extend our reach and carry the message of salvation, for that is Our Father's business, follow a pattern of cooperation. Many of our churches do not raise a total budget each year which would be sufficient to keep one missionary on the field, one student in the class room, or pay the expenses of one patient in the hospital; but through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, each church has a part in paying each missionary's salary, in providing the facilities for each student enrolled in Southern Baptist Institutions, and in providing medical care for each single patient who receives treatment in our hospitals. Truly this is "Big Business" when viewed on a world-wide basis.

The 1952-1953 report of the Flat River Baptist Association reveals that the 10,164 members of the churches in this association gave a total of $25,745.38 through the cooperative program, or an average of $2.53 per member.

E. D. Flowers, Jr.

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Report on Christian Citizenship was read by Rev. Robert T. Liner, and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Romans 13:10—"Love worketh no ill to his neighbour, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

One of the pressing problems facing Christians today is the question of our relationship to government. We are in an age of world wide revolution. Godless dictatorship with greedy, lustful and vicious methods are threatening the world.

As Christians we need to learn the importance of Christians working together for better government; to consider the duties of Christian Citizenship and grow in respect for the laws of our government. Even in the face of the cruel, contemptous Roman Government, Paul reminded us that government was ordained of God. Governments, like people, are judged and punished by a righteous God.

When we must choose between Government and God we can re-read Acts 5:27-29 and with the Apostles "obey God rather than man." The Christian citizen however, must obey the law where it does not directly conflict with the will of God for the individual and our religious freedom.

We must live as free men yet live as good neighbors, working together to make the world Christian. United efforts have wrought good laws and will produce a good government and the right environment.

As Christians and as churches we must insist publicly and privately on honest and fair play in government at all levels. Lift the ideals of our nation to Christian standards. Let us not permit our nation to fall to the fate of the Godless nations of our day.

Robert T. Liner

Address on Civic Righteousness and Public Morals by Rev. Mr. Muse.

Motion carried that a Committee composed of Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, Rev. W. J. Edwards, Rev. Ronald Hicks, Rev. Oren Bradley, and John N. Watkins, Jr. plan for purchase of Movie Projector.

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Report of Committee on Nominations was read by Rev. A. S. Lamm.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

W. M. U.	Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
State Missions	Mrs. R. K. Hyler
Home Mission	Rev. Paul C. Mattox
Foreign Mission	Mrs. Otha Curl
Asso. S. S. Supt.	Mr. L. C. Yancey
Asso. Training Union	Mr. C. H. Guerrant
Baptist Colleges	Rev. T. O. Moak
Religious Literature	Miss Lila Piper
Cooperative Program	Rev. Norman Hicks
Orphanage	Mrs. Fred Phipps
Christian Citizenship	Rev. Robert Liner
Relief and Annuity	Mr. Grey Rogers
Baptist Hospital	Mrs. Casper Critcher
Home for the Aging	Mrs. W. S. Young

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Term expiring 1958

Mr. A. D. Dillehay — Mr. J. A. Timberlake

A. S. Lamm
Hart Curl
R. T. Eakes
Committee

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The Association gave a rising vote of thanks to Fellowship and Dexter Churches for their wonderful hospitality.

Report on Time, Place, and Preacher was read by Rev. Norman Hicks.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—October 11-12, 1955
Place—1st Day, West Oxford. 2nd Day, Florence Avenue
Preacher—Rev. Thomas O. Moak, Jr.
Alternate—Rev. Paul C. Mattox

Norman Hicks
Mrs. Calvin Critcher
Fred Winfree
Committee

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Report on Obituaries was read by Rev. P. A. Cline.

OUR BELOVED DECEASED MEMBERS

AMIS CHAPEL—Mrs. John Harris, Mr. Franklin Frazier.
BULLOCK—Mrs. R. A. Norwood.
CORINTH—Mr. Donald Duke.
CREEDMOOR—Mrs. Lucy Ellington, Mrs. Luther Redman.
DEXTER—Mr. Coleman Satterwhite.
ENON—Mr. J. T. Daniel, Mr. Hamilton Hester, Mr. Bailey Currin, Mrs. Pauline Knott.
FLORENCE AVENUE—Mrs. Sarah Hill, Mrs. Clifton Amis Brooks, Mrs. Katurah Royster.
FRANKLINTON—Mr. Jasper Preddy, Deacon J. O. Purnell, Mr. James T. Holder, Mr. Elijah Ball, Mr. J. S. Morris.
GRASSY CREEK—Miss Gladys Elliott.
HESTER—Dr. Sam Carrington, Mrs. J. T. Clarke.
ISLAND CREEK—Mr. Jordan Williamson, Mr. William Knott, Mrs. B. W. Norwood.
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mrs. Eva Hobgood.
MOUNT ZION—Deacon J. R. O'Briant.
OLIVE GROVE—Mrs. Rosa Chappell, Mr. J. R. Jones, Mrs. Thomas Chappell.
OXFORD—Mr. J. L. Fuller, Mr. J. L. Parham, Mrs. D. S. Fuller, Mr. Guy Wheeler, Mr. Morton Burwell, Mr. W. T. Beasley, Mr. Randolph Meadows.
PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. Ernest Dickerson, Mr. Conley Reese, Mr. Nelson Dickerson, Mr. E. E. Woodlief.
PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. Wade R. Rogers, Mr. C. H. Averette, Mrs. Mody Smith.
POPLAR CREEK—Mrs. L. F. Boyd, Mrs. J. E. Ellington, Mr. H. M. Capps.
PROVIDENCE—Mr. J. G. Feezor, Mr. James Averette, Mrs. W. R. Grissom.
ROCK SPRING—Mr. P. M. Hite.
SHARON—Mrs. Ella Laws.

STOVALL—Miss Mollie Hester, Mr. Marion Cutts, Mr. Eddie Owen, Mrs. E. H. Breedlove, Mr. E. W. Stovall.
WEST OXFORD—Mr. Edd Humphries, Mr. Lester Almond.
Rev. C. A. Upchurch, formerly pastor of several churches in our association.

Committee:
P. A. Cline, Jr.
Mrs. Tyree Woody
Mrs. Jimmy Hobgood

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Report on Relief and Annuity was read by Mr. Grey Rogers.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

Once again we would call the attention of our ministers and full time church employees to the advantages of the Ministers' Retirement Plan, and once again we deplore the fact that not more than one-third of those eligible for membership are taking advantage of the plan.

As to payments, the plan is very simple. The pastor pays 4% of his salary, not to exceed $4,000, and the church pays a like amount. The Convention is obligated to add to that amount a sum sufficient to make the plan secure.

As to benefits, there is a disability benefit, with the maximum now $500 a year. We are hoping to increase this to a maximum of $900 a year.

Beginning in 1956 the annuity will be fifty per cent of the average salary upon which a member has participated provided he participated on the full 4% basis from the time he was eligible to participate. If payments are made only over a partial period of the time of eligibility, then the amount of retirement annuity is reduced accordingly.

When a man reaches retirement age, sixty-five, he is eligible for retirement. Any time after he reaches that age his widow is entitled to receive one-half of what he may be receiving, or is entitled to receive in the event he does not wish to retire at sixty-five.

There are already a goodly number receiving annuities under the Ministers' Retirement Plan. Including those with retirement annuities, disability annuities, and the widows of former members there are now some one hundred on the list.

RELIEF

The calls for help from the relief funds of the Relief and Annuity Board have not diminished. There were many pastors in service prior to the inauguration of the Retirement Plan who are now calling for help from relief funds. In addition many who were eligible for membership have not joined, and now when they become aged and need help they call upon the relief funds. For the year 1953 it was necessary for our Convention to make a special appropriation of more than $5,000 in order to take care of the amount expended in North

Carolina for this purpose over and above the amount received from North Carolina that could be used for this purpose.

E. Grey Rogers

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Annual Sermon by Rev. A. S. Lamm.
Hymn—"Faith of Our Fathers"
Recognition of Officers for the Coming Year.
Prayer—Rev. Dennis M. Larkins.
Adjourn.

Sam C. Hall, Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Amis Chapel	R	1885	2-4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	11	1	10	237	78	325	1	15		$ 1,800.00
Brassfield	R	1823	1-3	Leland Bailey, Wake Forest	4	7	2	102	8	110	1			1,000.00
Bullock	V	1904	All	Floyd Hellams, Bullock			3	121	54	175		20		1,600.00
Butner	T	1948	All	W. Harold Lester	15	19	9	161	10	171	2			3,780.00
Concord	R	1782	2-4	James G. Dissel, Wake Forest	3			75	52	127	1	13		875.00
Corinth	R	1832	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	3	8	5	168	72	240	1	21		1,500.00
Creedmoor	T	1895	All	Robert T. Liner, Creedmoor	25	17	14	330	62	392	2	50		3,600.00
Dexter	R	1906	2-4	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	4	2	10	111	102	213	1		Yes	1,200.00
Enon	R		All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	4	4	13	303	99	402	1			2,220.00
Fellowship	R	1840	All	R. R. Pulley, Creedmoor	10	7	6			258	1			1,500.00
Florence Ave	V	1891	All	T. O. Moak, Jr., Virgilina, Va.	15	8	6	77	49	126	2	10		3,000.00
Franklinton	T	1858	All	H. Herbert Luehrs, Franklinton	35	14	25	425	97	522	1	44	Yes	4,000.00
Grassy Creek	R	1754	All	Dennis M. Larkins, Oxford	5	6	11			463	1			2,000.00
Hester	R	1823	All	Paul C. Mattox, Oxford	13	8	21	496	34	530	1	24		4,200.00
Island Creek	R	1822	All	Jack F. Coffey, Box 743, Henderson	13	3	15	332	199	531	1	50	Yes	3,000.00
Knott's Grove	R	1901	All	P. A. Cline, Oxford	3	2	3	99	56	155	1			1,800.00
Mountain Creek	R	1860	All	Dennis M. Larkins, Oxford	12	8	9	364	125	489	1	25		2,000.00
Mt. Olivet	R	1865	All	D. W. Cooper, Wake Forest	6		39			203	1	11		1,000.00
Mt. Zion	V		All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	6	2	7	314	59	373	1	28		2,220.00
Olive Grove	R	1882	All	Robert Lawson, Wake Forest	2	2	6	200	80	280	1	10		1,500.00
Oxford	C	1848	All	Dr. Herbert W. Baucom, Jr., Oxford	59	25	71	991	363	1354		71		5,100.00
Peace's Chapel	R	1887	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	8	2	24	231	119	350	1	11		1,500.00
Pleasant Grove	R	1858	All		8	6	6	168	50	218	1	1		1,200.00
Poplar Creek	R		2-4	W. J. Edwards, Oxford		1	3	72	27	99	1			800.00
Providence	V	1907	All	P. A. Cline, Oxford	23	6	9	311	82	393	1	24		2,000.00
Rock Spring	R	1886	1-3	Floyd Hellams, Bullock	8	4	9	152	112	264	1			1,600.00
Sharon	R	1896	All		5	4	5	175	24	199	1			1,500.00
Stovall	V		All	Oren Bradley, Stovall	19	10	23	520	200	720	1			4,000.00
Tabb's Creek	R	1906	1-3	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	3	2	13	107	90	197	1	3		1,200.00
Tally Ho	R		3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	3	4	8			141	2	3		400.00
Tungsten	R	1950	All	Fred V. Ellis, Stovall	10	4		55	45	100	1			1,193.00
West Oxford	C	1910	All	A. S. Lamm, Oxford	22	20	17			254	2	41		3,600.00

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V. B. S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Amis Chapel	W. S. Young, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 3			15	17	28	19	23	132		1	235	125	89	84		2
Brassfield	C. W. Allen, Jr., Creedmoor, Rt. 1		5	3	10	18	20	5	46			107	68	72	68		
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock		3	14	12	24	23	18	35			129	79	79	74		
Butner	M. O. Lester, Creedmoor, Rt. 2		18	28	29	20	29	40	55	41	4	264	150	90	80		1
Concord	Joe Bryant, Jr., Creedmoor			5	9	14		11	21		2	62	37	37	30		
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2			16	15	17	11	15	32	23		129	82	64	63		
Creedmoor	Aubrey L. Wheeler, Creedmoor		34	22	24	44	41	22	149	8	4	348	194	126	102		
Dexter	Augustus Greene, Oxford, Rt. 5			5	6	16	11	6	30			74	51	63	53	Yes	1
Enon	James Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 1	25	6	22	13	23	27	54	176			346	199	115	109	Yes	
Fellowship	W. Sam Hobgood, Creedmoor			19	19	33	35	34	61			201	133	100	82		
Florence Ave.	George Smith, Virgilina, Va.			15	6	11	6	9	28		3	78	51	43	36		
Franklinton	Donald C. Hicks, Jr., Franklinton	59	43	43	68	74	59	28	153	27	4	558	265	157	151	Yes	1
Grassy Creek	C. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va., Rt. 1			19	20	24	22	57	72			214	155	76	72		
Hester	Sam A. Howard, Oxford		38	23	37	36	40	52	234		5	465	290	149	139	Yes	6
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson		21	17	29	57	32	65	125	15		361	188	115	112		
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Graham Matthews, Oxford											67	38	56	52		
Mountain Creek	Elbert Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4	6		16	13	20	36	41	107		2	241	149	125	115		1
Mt. Olivet	E. L. Blackley, Franklinton, Rt. 1			7	10	7	11	6	29			70	43	63	55		
Mt. Zion	Marshall Murray, Oxford	6		19	34	49	45	25	159			337	194	202	180		
Olive Grove	W. B. Brinkley, Creedmoor		16		23	27	17	63	14		2	162	81	63	56	Yes	
Oxford	W. Marshall Cannady, Oxford	37	41	62	82	84	110	23	269	27	3	738	584	213	184	Yes	
Peace's Chapel	Edward Woody, Oxford, Rt. 3	5	6	25	20	20	35	49	65			225	137	70	65		
Pleasant Grove	R. Lee Smith, Creedmoor, Rt. 1				20	12	18	15	63			128	80	43	40		
Poplar Creek	Amos Brewer, Henderson, Rt. 3			5		11	7		17			40	32	28	27		
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2	11	19	25	37	39	38	44	124		3	340	192	152	144	Yes	
Rock Spring	George T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5			12	10	12	6	16	48			104	72	52	49		
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4			7	10	12	13	10	40			92	68	97	93		
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall		21	20	40	52	46	58	178		5	420	216	147	136		
Tabb's Creek	Osborne Currin, Oxford, Rt. 4			20		14	13	21	48		10	126	88	54	54	Yes	
Tally Ho	J. W. Weldon, Stem, Rt. 1			16	9	13	8	20	18			84	45	50	42		
Tungsten	Jeter Murdock, Henderson			13		18	14		25			70					
West Oxford	A. D. Dillehay, Oxford		6	17	38	38	35	96	90		5	325	179	83	77		
Totals		149	277	530	660	867	827	926	2643	141	53	7140	4265	2873	2624	8	12

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Brassfield	Mrs. Pender Woodlief, Franklinton			6		17				23	15
Bullock	Mrs. H. F. Gill, Bullock		5		8	13		13	2	41	23
Butner	Mrs. Fred Coley, Butner		5		15	10		15	2	47	
Concord	Mrs. Harvey Goss, Creedmoor		7		7			16	1	31	18
Creedmoor	John B. Hall, Creedmoor	3	4	4	20	28	14	30	3	106	60
Florence Ave.	Walter Averette, Virgilina, Va.		3		5	5		14	1	28	20
Franklinton	Frank Fagan, Franklinton		4	9	23	33	5	24	2	100	64
Hester				13	8	9	7	10	2	49	27
Island Creek	Mrs. C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5		5	9	24	19	30	42	5	134	78
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Leslie Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		8	8	15	20	7	14		72	52
Mt. Zion	Miss Jeannette Rudder, Oxford, Rt. 1	14			32	16	23	25	15	125	69
Oxford	Thomas B. Currin, Oxford			15	45	12	12	20	3	107	80
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Vencen Morton, Oxford, Rt. 3		3	4	6	3	3	9	3	31	19
Pleasant Grove	Miss Sarah Mangum, Creedmoor				6		12	14		32	25
Rock Spring	Vaughn Mittesen, Clarksville, Va.			9	11		15	24	7	66	42
Sharon	Clyde Powell, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 1			4	6	9	10	12		41	
Stovall	Francis Wilson, Oxford		6	11	20	26	10	24	5	102	62
West Oxford	Maynard Belcher, Oxford			7	17	14	3	24	3	68	37
	Totals	17	50	99	268	234	151	330	54	1203	691

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. J. G. West, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	64	12	13	10	22	121	15
Brassfield	Mrs. O. H. Harris, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	1				1	2	13				6	19	
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1					1	29					29	11
Butner	Mrs. Adell Turnage, Butner	1		1		1	3	29		8		24	61	11
Concord	Mrs. Graham Goss, Stem, Rt. 1	1					1	13					13	13
Corinth	Mrs. C. A. Latta, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	1	5	39	6	9	9	13	76	19
Creedmoor	Mrs. Lambreth Rogers, Creedmoor	1		1			2	48		14			62	
Dexter	Mrs. B. W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1		3	12		8	11		31	12
Enon	Mrs. J. T. Yancey, Oxford, Rt. 3	1	1	1	1	1	5	67	9	17	18	27	138	43
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Ellen Wilkinson, Virgilina, Va.	1				1	2	16				1	17	10
Franklinton	Mrs. Charles F. Best, Franklinton	4	1	1	2	1	9	91	11	37	25	19	183	24
Grassy Creek	Mrs. George T. Winston, Virgilina, Va.	1					1	27					27	
Hester	Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, Oxford	2	1	1	2	1	7	97	10	27	20	50	204	24
Island Creek	Mrs. Charlie O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	69	6	10	5	13	103	38
Knott's Grove	Mrs. W. H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	1					1	24					24	5
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Hesley Clark, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	50	14	23	14	27	128	22
Mt. Olivet	Mrs. E. L. Blackley, Franklinton, Rt. 1	1		1		1	3	18		6		20	44	11
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Harry Newton, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	1	1	1	5	46	16	32	17	18	129	28
Olive Grove	Mrs. L. A. Veasey, Northside	1					1	14					14	2
Oxford	Mrs. Thomas B. Currin, Oxford	1	1	3	1	1	7	236	8	37	14	50	345	69
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. J. Clifton Walters, Oxford, Rt. 3	1				1	2	24				21	45	6
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. M. W. Newton, Creedmoor	1					1	15					15	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. R. M. Boyd, Henderson, Rt. 3	1					1	23					23	
Providence	Mrs. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	2	1	1	6	43	19	25	14	50	150	18
Rock Spring	Mrs. George Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5	1		1	1	1	4	17		14	8	15	54	2
Sharon	Mrs. John R. Williams, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	1	5	31	15	9	7	16	78	21
Stovall	Mrs. Calvin Frazier, Oxford, Rt. 4	2	1	2	2	1	8	49	26	28	10	25	138	27
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. James Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 3	1		1	1	1	4	29		11	5	21	66	5
Tally Ho	Mrs. Ralph Whitfield, Stem, Rt. 1	1	1			1	3	34	10			12	56	
West Oxford	Mrs. W. W. Hughes, Sr., Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	5	58	15	12	22		107	20
	Totals	35	14	23	19	21	112	1324	177	340	209	450	2500	456

CHURCHES	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year	Does your church have a library?	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrolment	Music Budget	Use Church Musician Magazine	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Amis Chapel	$	$ 30,000.00	$	$ 300.00	$ 80.00	Yes	1		$			
Brassfield							1					
Bullock	15,000.00	45,000.00	5,000.00	500.00	110.00		1		50.00			
Butner	7,500.00	22,500.00	1,421.00	600.00	100.00		1	15	570.00			
Concord		3,000.00		100.00	65.00		1	20				
Corinth		5,000.00										
Creedmoor	20,000.00	100,000.00	21,500.00		50.00		1	15	1,300.00	Yes		
Enon	4,500.00	40,000.00			101.00							
Florence Ave.	5,000.00	10,000.00		300.00	37.00							
Franklinton	10,000.00	138,000.00	26,700.00	1,800.00	210.00		3	50	1,100.00		Yes	
Grassy Creek	20,000.00	26,000.00				Yes	1					
Hester	17,500.00	93,000.00	2,000.00	2,220.00	140.00	Yes	2	32	300.00	Yes		
Island Creek		150,000.00		800.00	130.00		2	50	50.00			
Mountain Creek	6,500.00	16,500.00					1					
Mt. Olivet		10,000.00					2	28				
Mt. Zion	4,500.00	104,500.00		600.00	50.00		2					
Olive Grove		30,000.00					1	20				
Oxford	20,000.00	320,000.00	1,000.00	9,440.00	750.00		3	100	200.00		Yes	Yes
Peace's Chapel					90.00							
Pleasant Grove		10,000.00					1	25				
Poplar Creek				125.00	25.00							
Providence	7,500.00	90,000.00	7,400.00	650.00			2	35		Yes		
Sharon		32,000.00										
Stovall	10,000.00	42,500.00		1,380.00	180.00							
Tabb's Creek		35,000.00					1	12				
Tally Ho		3,500.00										
Tungsten		5,000.00	256.00				1					
West Oxford	12,000.00	35,000.00	12,771.00	600.00	53.00		1	17				
Totals	$ 160,000.00	$1,396,500.00	$ 78,048.00	$ 19,415.00	$ 2,171.00	3	29	419	$3,570.00	3	2	1

* Brotherhood Work

* Amis Chapel—35 Members, Oxford—30 Members

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.
Amis Chapel	W. S. Young, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 3	$ 200.00	$ 70.00	$ 473.01	$ 123.58
Brassfield	C. W. Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	50.00	100.00		58.40
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	400.00	304.54		381.37
Butner	Leon B. Perkinson, Butner	455.00	131.22	1,353.89	317.84
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	60.00	222.69		118.22
Corinth	Lynwood Currin, Oxford, Rt. 2	96.00	24.00		164.37
Creedmoor	Mrs. Joseph Hester, Creedmoor	890.00	707.25	17,580.69	1,097.82
Dexter	B. W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	105.00	231.61	123.09	119.95
Enon	Stephen T. Knott, Oxford	540.00	1,706.98	1,175.00	594.76
Fellowship	W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor	104.00	879.52	46.19	163.73
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Ellen Wilkins, Virgilina, Va.		99.00		125.01
Franklinton	E. G. Rogers, Franklinton	2,451.00	2,517.24	35,577.62	1,614.30
Grassy Creek	C. C. Timberlake, Nelson, Va., Rt. 1		520.00	2,700.00	238.35
Hester	Johnnie C. Currin, Oxford	820.00	1,748.26	167.75	766.36
Island Creek	C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1,000.00	351.40		669.82
Knott's Grove	William H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2		90.96		64.47
Mountain Creek	D. A. Parham, Oxford, Rt. 4	372.00	100.10	2.80	229.93
Mt. Olivet	Norwood Kearney, Franklinton		45.57	263.06	150.65
Mt. Zion	Daniel Hunt, Oxford, Rt. 1	144.00	309.08		442.41
Olive Grove	Delos Glenn, Northside	195.00	193.61	810.88	180.67
Oxford	Melvin S. Currin, Oxford	7,750.00	978.00		1,740.00
Peace's Chapel	George Gresham, Kittrell, Rt. 2	124.67	175.54	20.00	211.24
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	100.00	72.05		88.68
Poplar Creek	R. M. Boyd, Henderson, Rt. 3		20.00	242.35	42.66
Providence	Miss Lila Piper, Oxford, Rt. 2	325.00	475.46	5,254.44	330.04
Rock Spring	Aulick Keeton, Clarksville, Va.	164.00			235.36
Sharon	Archie Denny, Roxboro, Rt. 3		50.52		173.17
Stovall	J. B. Pittard, Stovall	610.00	621.53		935.53
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5	75.00	120.02		74.61
Tally Ho	F. C. Wilkins, Stem, Rt. 1		271.48	341.05	62.00
Tungsten	Frank M. Swann, Stovall	25.00	18.64	74.72	99.43
West Oxford	S. E. Beasley, Oxford	680.50	1,726.51	1,159.33	557.11
	Totals	$17,736.17	$14,882.78	$67,365.87	$12,171.86

	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
3	$ 80.00	$ 66.55	$ 323.45	$ 348.45	$ 25.00	$	$ 198.00	$ 95.00	$ 1,460.18	$ 5,169.68
4	50.00	26.25	7.40		21.70	292.36	28.25	14.17	750.67	1,809.07
3	55.00	107.53	95.00	240.00	50.00	340.00	119.00	3.49	1,524.90	6,908.29
0	50.00	24.65							674.65	8,172.92
3	55.00	42.69	12.00	16.50		48.82	22.40		303.56	1,785.87
3		39.00	67.00	61.00		57.00	50.00	11.00	408.23	2,520.11
1	159.50	72.00	44.67	80.15		157.52	31.60	120.00	1,607.65	31,821.62
3		14.33	7.70	9.88			20.00		60.67	1,988.20
6	101.40	109.70	132.65	226.80	78.87	600.00	100.00	458.44	5,148.62	11,983.13
3	25.00	27.71	22.92			207.83	109.61		566.20	3,465.85
0	37.50		118.60	110.30	60.00	180.75	44.50	120.00	971.65	1,710.09
0	125.00	44.50	34.85	163.88	100.00	141.32		283.34	2,044.89	50,922.19
6	45.00	7.15	11.55	50.60		239.68	29.33	190.00	981.87	7,067.10
0	140.00	200.00	334.80	378.00	75.00	225.00	125.00	282.50	3,685.30	20,799.85
3	138.00	133.65	141.40	317.85		297.15	112.00	245.25	2,214.15	8,254.25
3		34.50	27.18	38.77	6.70	78.25	71.36	18.50	340.01	3,000.36
4			45.95	10.00		376.35	35.70	118.84	1,802.68	5,642.20
8	125.84	34.78	13.00	10.00	6.25	55.00	25.00		328.75	2,174.35
0		64.65	77.40	53.41	31.04	300.00	183.00	17.13	1,248.63	5,320.28
3	39.70	73.60	12.00	12.00		77.62	63.85	30.00	611.52	4,009.58
0	100.00	1,871.00	600.00	180.00	750.00	700.00	309.00		13,579.00	29,797.00
4	93.00	37.80	42.02	33.23		211.07	40.00		726.86	3,196.06
3	51.25	27.26	19.00	18.08		100.00	40.00	25.00	324.04	1,935.25
0		7.00	5.00	15.00		20.00	20.00		117.00	1,485.54
3	25.00	44.54	48.87	71.05	75.00	101.85	21.00	121.01	1,023.37	11,583.09
3	67.50	43.07	30.10	22.50		232.60	27.35		782.20	3,443.25
4		47.00	39.01	32.00		286.19	105.54	6.75	833.53	2,727.53
0	150.00	134.61	30.30	274.06	50.00	230.00	50.00	144.00	2,262.97	9,157.05
1	54.00	31.81	27.80	33.19		152.00	25.00	250.00	986.81	3,096.44
0		12.25				25.00	40.00		137.25	1,501.94
							53.83		53.83	1,985.45
0	53.00		119.00	140.20	133.00	231.20	151.35	9.00	1,436.75	12,461.57
9	$ 1,820.69	$ 3,379.58	$ 2,490.62	$ 2,946.90	$ 1,462.56	$ 5,964.56	$ 2,251.67	$ 2,563.42	$48.998.39	$266,895.16

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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidances and control of its activities, this body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE 1—NAME

The name of this body is the Flat River Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ARTICLE 2—OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1

The Objectives of the Association shall be to foster evangelism, Missions and Benevolences, Christian Education and such other objects as may be promoted by the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions; to preserve correct statistics of the Churches, to promote harmony and give Christian counsel in case of difficulty in and among the Churches upon their invitation; and to devise and recommend measures for programs of common interest to all the Churches.

Sec. 2

The Association shall be composed of all Pastors of the Churches of the Association and messengers elected by the Churches. Each Church is entitled to three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof; providing no Church shall have more than ten messengers.

Sec. 3

Any Missionary Baptist Church, "other than a duly organized Missionary Baptist Church which has been a member in good standing for a period of twelve months, or more, with another Missionary Baptist Association, any such Church seeking admission to this body must present its application to the Executive Committee not less than six months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall be received into the Association upon a majority vote of the members present."

ARTICLE 3—ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President and Associational Missionary. They shall be elected at each session and shall hold their office for one year, or until others are elected to fill their respective offices excepting the Associational Missionary whose term of office shall be indefinite. The Moderator cannot succeed himself more than one time. All terms of office shall begin immediately before adjournment of the annual meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Executive Committee shall be composed of all active pastors in the Association, all officers of the Association, and the persons who are to make reports to the Association the following year and eight lay members. The lay-members shall be elected as follows: two shall be elected for one year, two shall

be elected for two years, two shall be elected for three years, and two for four years. No lay-member of the Executive Committee shall succeed himself until after the expiration of one year. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. There shall be not more than one lay-member for each Church.

The Executive Committee shall be divided into Sub-Committees for efficiency. These Sub-Committees shall promote the various phases of our work and report quarterly to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1

The Moderator shall preside at the Annual meetings, appoint a Committee on Committees at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting and such committees as may be called for during the annual meeting and serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for the program of the next session of the Association.

Sec. 2

The Vice-Moderator shall perform all the duties of the Moderator in his absence and assist the Moderator when called upon.

Sec. 3

The Clerk shall enroll the messengers, keep a true record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and pay all bills promptly, keep an accurate record of same, and submit his record to the Auditor for inspection at the close of the Associational year, and make report to the Association.

Sec. 5

The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Treasurer annually and make a report to the Association.

ARTICLE 5—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each quarter. The Committee shall have the right to elect its own officers. It shall be the duty of the committee to carry on the work of the Association between sessions, work out the financial budget, and present recommendations and reports to the Association.

ARTICLE 6—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 1

This Constitution may be amended on the second day of the Annual Session by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice is given in writing on the preceding day.

Sec. 2

A Committee on Committees shall nominate the members of the various committees and submit them for election by the Association at the opening session.

Sec. 3
The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of the afternoon session of the first day.

BY-LAWS

1—Ministers and lay members of other Baptist Associations may be invited to participate in all proceedings, but shall NOT be entitled to vote.
2—Every question shall be decided by majority vote.
3—The vote shall be taken by show of hands or standing, at the discretion of the Moderator.
4—All motions shall be seconded before opened for discussion.
5—Any speaker may be allowed to state his or her views, pro or con, without reflection on any other personal views or without dealing in personalities in a derogatory manner.
6—No speaker may be allowed to speak but once on a motion without permission of the Moderator and not more than twice without approval of the assembly.
7—The Moderator has the authority to place a time limit on speakers where not otherwise designated.
8—All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.
9—Any member of any Church in the Flat River Association may be elected to any office in said Association.
10—The Constitutional by-laws shall be printed in minutes of the Association. Any recommended changes must be presented in writing and voted on during the regular session of the Association.
11—A majority vote of the Association, while in session, may be allowed to overrule any of these by-laws, when questioned.

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PASTORS

Herbert W. Baucom, Jr.
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Robert L. Clegg
Jack F. Coffey
D. W. Cooper
James G. Dissell
W. J. Edwards
E. W. Greene
Floyd Hellams
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Ronald D. Hicks
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MESSENGERS—1955 SESSION

AMIS CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Yancey, Mr. and Mrs. James Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garner, Mr. G. T. Pittard

BRASSFIELD—Mr. C. W. Allen, Mr. G. B. Allen, Mrs. Allan Hutson

BULLOCK—Mrs. H. P. Pittard, Mrs. H. F. Gill, Miss Lucy Norwood

BUTNER—Mr. Leon B. Perkinson, Mr. Norman B. Kelley, Mr. M. O. Lester

CONCORD—Mr. L. R. Coley, Mrs. Graham Goss, Mrs. W. B. Clark, Sr.

CORINTH—Mr. Troy Preddy, Mr. A. R. Hicks, Jr., Mrs. Fred Averette

CREEDMOOR—Mr. O. B. Brooks, Sr., Mrs. A. O. Curl, Mr. Al Lyon, Rev. R. T. Liner

DEXTER—Mrs. Walter Raynor, Mrs. Polk Williams, Mrs. Lucius Barker

ENON—Mrs. J. T. Oakes, Mrs. J. T. Yancey, Mrs. C. P. Critcher, Mrs. Len Knott, Mr. Stephen Knott

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FLORENCE AVE.—Mr. Fred Winfree, Mrs. Thomas Moak, Jr.

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GRASSY CREEK—Mr. F. L. Pittard, Mrs. G. P. Wilkinson, Mr. C. R. Yancey, Mrs. Joe Noblin, Mr. C. A. Timberlake

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KNOTT'S GROVE—Mr. Roy Gresham, Mrs. Roy Gresham, Miss Thelma Moss

MOUNTAIN CREEK—Mr. Leslie Blackwell, Mr. C. T. Blackwell, Mr. Plummer Hayes

MT. OLIVET—Mrs. A. L. Blackley, Mrs. Robert Clegg, Mrs. E. L. Preddy

MT. ZION—Miss Evelyn Eakes, Mr. Pete Murray, Mrs. Jimmie Hobgood, Mr. Stanley Brooks, Mrs. Luther Franklin

OLIVE GROVE—Mr. Paul Horton, Mr. Roger Forsythe, Mr. Joseph Chappell

OXFORD—Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Baucom, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Miss Isobel Parham, Judge W. A. Devin, Miss Rebecca Maness, Mrs. L. L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mitchiner, Mr. Clement Yancey

PEACE'S CHAPEL—Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. James Beal

PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. Elbert Averette, Mrs. Elbert Averette, Mr. O. B. Newton

POPLAR CREEK—Mrs. Wilson Parrott, Mrs. Charlie Greenway, Mrs. E. C. Brewer

PROVIDENCE—Mrs. R. N. Watkins, Mr. S. F. Jenkins, Mr. Broadie Jones, Mrs. Flora Mann, Mrs. J. T. Watkins

ROCK SPRING—Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. William Reece, Mrs. J. T. Moody, Mrs. Richard Reece

SHARON—Mr. Clyde Powell, Mrs. Gertrude Daniel, Mrs. Minnie Dixon

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TABB'S CREEK—Mrs. Frank Sherman, Mrs. S. S. Parham, Mrs. W. J. Edwards

TALLY HO—Mr. F. C. Wilkins, Mrs. C. F. Hobgood, Mr. Ralph Whitfield

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

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MORNING SESSION

The One Hundred and Sixty-Second Annual Session of Flat River Association convened with West Oxford Church, October 11, 1955, 10:00 A. M. with Moderator, Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, presiding.

Hymn—"Come Thou Almighty King" and "Higher Ground."

Devotion was led by Rev. Eldridge T. Vinson.

Roll call of churches.

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Report of Committee on Committees was read by Rev. Ronald D. Hicks and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Committee on Resolutions——Rev. Harold Lester, Mrs. Franklin Gill, Mrs. W. J. Edwards

Committee on Obituaries——Judge W. A. Devin, Mrs. J. T. Yancey, Mrs. Elbert Wilson, Mrs. Casper Critcher

Committee on Nominations——Rev. Paul C. Mattox, Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Mrs. Albert Daniel

Committee on Time, Place, Preacher——Rev. D. W. Cooper, Mr. C. W. Allen, Mr. Pete Murray

Ronald D. Hicks
Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
Sam A. Howard
Committee

Report of Promotional Secretary was read by Rev. W. J. Edwards and adopted.

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

One of the satisfying things in the successful completion of any job is the cooperation of all those involved. I would like to express my appreciation for the privilege of working with and having the full cooperation of the Moderator, the Advisory Committee, Executive Committee, and the pastors in promoting the activities of the Association.

New Building programs have not been as plentiful this year as last year, but several of the churches have renovated their present buildings or made additions to the building; some adding much needed equipment.

As we look at the financial picture of the total figures revealed in the individual church letters, we realize that we may have seen better years Financially, but I am sure that the fruits of this year's labors will have lasting influence on all of our lives.

In promoting the Activities of the Association, I have conducted the Flat River Baptist Hour, working directly with the Choral Group; introduced a monthly News Letter, mailed to the leaders in the churches, working with the Associational S. S. Supt., the Associational S. S. program has been better organized and according to the State office, we are graded at 85%; Taught 4 T. U. Study Courses, Taught 3 W. M. U. Study Courses; Attended State and Southern Baptist Conventions; Assisted in two Rural Church Enlargement Campaigns; mailed out 2,432 Pieces of mail; had 92 Individual conferences and 15 group conferences; worked with the planning committees of the S. S. and the T. U. to plan their associational meetings.

Looking to the new year, we would like to make our Associational S. S. organization 100%, Create new interest in the T. U., and with this in mind the Executive Committee has already approved plans for a week of T. U. Emphasis during the first week of Nov., 1956. We all remember the Warehouse Revival of 1953. Plans are already in motion for another Warehouse Revival during the summer of 1956.

As we look backwards and realize that we have been victorious in the past, we must be made more keenly aware of the obligations and opportunities of the present, looking to the future with a willingness and an indwelling faith to accept the challenge of the task yet to be done. Let each of us rally to the task with a realization that the Eyes and the Ears of the World are upon us as we Witness for Him.

W. J. Edwards,
Promotional Secretary

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At this time, Rev. Eldridge T. Vinson, new pastor in the Association, was recognized, also Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Smith from Kennedy Home.

Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, Chairman of the Executive Committee, discussed briefly the work through the past year and prospects for a brighter future in the coming year.

Remarks on Orphanage by Mr. Smith of Kennedy Home, Kinston.

Report on Religious Literature was read by Mr. Broadie Jones in absence of the author, discussed by Dr. L. L. Carpenter and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

How many periodicals do you receive in your mail each month?

How many of these are Christian in their make-up?

Statistics tell us that the average North Carolina home receives four periodicals of a secular nature but that only about 40% of the church homes receive any Christian literature at all. You are the elected messengers of your respective churches—perhaps you are the very best in your church—but even here in this Associational meeting it might be embarrassing to ask how many receive our own North Carolina Baptist paper, the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Home life, even in good Baptist homes like yours, has become so complex that we quickly say that there is no time for reading. Many Sunday School teachers will agree with me when I say that most of our class members have become so busy that they do not take the necessary time anymore to read their lessons before coming to class. It may be they have not been trained by their parents to do this. It may be that your children do not read Christian literature because their parents have not provided it. Television and radio are frequently used as an excuse for not reading good literature. Surely they are hindering, to what extent I do not know, but you—the parents, still have the responsibility of providing a supply of good books and magazines in the home, and of leading in the reading of such literature yourselves. In this way we help our families learn to enjoy the best in Christian reading. Your children emulate you in other ways, there is no reason to think they will not pick up your good reading habits also.

We, as Baptists, frequently emphasize the fact that we are a real New Testament church; that our roots are deep; that our beliefs are in complete accordance with the teachings of the New Testament. To be sure this is something of which to be proud, but truthfully does the average church member know what he believes? Most of what he knows is what he has heard his neighbor say and not what he has read and studied for himself. Even in official church meetings we often hear suggestions that are a "far cry" from our basic Baptist beliefs, not suggested because these people are radical in their thinking but because they just do not know.

The reason we do not know our Baptist program is because we are not reading the kind of literature that would inform us. Dr. G. T. Tunstall, pastor of the Green Street Church in High Point, wrote in his church bulletin and I quote, "No matter how many other publications come into our homes, we cannot be well-informed Baptists if we do not read the BIBLICAL RECORDER, for this is the only paper in the state that gives us week after week, information about our Baptist work in North Carolina as well as information from over the Southern Baptist Convention. We doubt if there is any other publication that will be more helpful to every member of the family than the BIBLICAL RECORDER. We wish every member of our church could have access to it and read it each week. "YOU WOULD BE A BETTER CHURCH MEMBER AND A BETTER CHRISTIAN IF YOU WOULD." (Unquote)

Through the years the appeal has been made for individuals to subscribe. Only a small percent of our families have done so. Now we are changing that

appeal. We are asking our churches to *send* the BIBLICAL RECORDER to their people. Only three churches were listed in last year's minutes as doing that. I'm sure at least two or three others are using the every-family plan but just failed to report it, however, the percentage is still miserably small. Most of the other churches have clubs of from 3 to 25 subscriptions. The RECORDER can be sent by the church to every resident family for $1.50 per year. The club rate is $2.00 per year. A worthwhile experiment for any church to make would be to send the RECORDER to her people and see if it doesn't strengthen all phases of the church life. I challenge the churches of the Flat River Association to try this.

The scope of Christian literature is tremendous. Each state of the Convention has its own state paper comparable to our BIBLICAL RECORDER. There are numerous other publications such as CHARITY AND CHILDREN, THE COMMISSION, HOME MISSION MAGAZINE, HOME LIFE, CHURCH MUSICIAN, and the publications for the Sunday School, the Training Union and the W. M. U. organizations. These are all a means of informing, enlightning, and entertaining our people.

Christian Literature! What is Christian Literature? The best definition I have found is "reading material with a soul; reading material with life." There is an abundant supply for all age groups from the Beginner who asks for his first story about Baby Jesus to the olderster whose eyesight is growing dim. When this literature "with a soul" has been placed in the homes of your church and of my church the results will be evident in the work of that church and evident in the minutes of the Flat River Association.

Lila Piper

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The Association instructed the clerk to send a letter to Miss Lila Piper who was confined to her home by illness. Also a telegram to Rev. Herbert W. Baucom, Jr. at the Baptist Hospital.

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Report on Baptist Hospital was read by Mrs. Casper Critcher, discussed by Dr. W. K. McGhee and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital fills an important place in the life and work of North Carolina Baptists. It will probably serve 50,000 patients this year, touching every area of our State.

In addition to this great host of sick people, our hospital provides an educational program for more than 450 young people who are in training to become nurses, doctors, techinicians, pastors and other Christian workers.

The Department of Pastoral Care provides Christian counseling and guidance for the patients, students, hospital staff and personnel, as well as hundreds of others who come to the hospital from over the State for this purpose alone.

It is not easy to estimate the value of these and other services rendered by our hospital to multiplied thousands of people of all ages in the fields of health, education, and spiritual guidance.

The cost of carrying on this program for such a multitude of people is tremendous—more than two million dollars a year. One-half million dollars of this is spent in helping to care for sick people who are not able to pay for the service they need. We are grateful to God for the privilege of sharing in such a work, and we want to thank the Churches of our Association for their part in it.

The opportunities for Christian service and witness through our hospital are truly great. We need to give it a much more generous support through our Mother's Day offerings and the Cooperative Program.

Mrs. Casper Critcher

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Hymn—"Footsteps of Jesus"
Special Music by Mrs. Irvin Steagall of the West Oxford Church.
Scripture read by Rev. Paul C. Mattox.
Sermon by Rev. T. O. Moak, Jr.
Announcements by host Pastor, Rev. A. S. Lamm.
Dismissal prayer, Rev. E. G. Usry.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymns—"Praise Him, Praise Him", "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned"
Devotion was led by Rev. Floyd Hellams.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected by acclamation, Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, Moderator; W. A. Mitchiner, Vice-Moderator; Sam A. Howard, Clerk; John N. Watkins, Jr., Treasurer; M. S. Currin, Auditor.

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Report of Treasurer and Auditor was read by John N. Watkins, Jr. and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Churches of Association	$2,570.07
Balance in Bank 10-11-54	898.67
Total	$3,468.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary Clerk	$ 60.00
Salary Treasurer	60.00
Salary W. J. Edwards	1,000.00
Radio Program	350.00
Office Rent	240.00
Telephone	126.85
Womans Missionary Union	50.00
Office Supplies	118.85
Office Equipment	42.33
Visual Education Equipment	428.84
Printing	252.71
	$2,729.58
Balance in Bank 10-11-55	$ 841.66
Collected at Association	52.61
	$ 894.27

John N. Watkins, Jr., Treasurer

I hereby certify that I have audited the Books of the Flat River Baptist Association and that all receipts and disbursements are properly accounted for and are in accordance with the bank records as of October 11, 1955.

Melvin S. Currin, Auditor

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On motion the association voted to purchase Film Strip and other material for visual aid and a special offering was made for same.

Brief discussion on Evangelism was made by Rev. Oren Bradley and Rev. A. S. Lamm.

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The report on Sunday School was read by Mr. Clement Yancey.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday Schools in the Association have shown notable progress during the past Associational year:

The following figures are based on 28 reporting Churches out of a total of 32 Churches:

	1954	1955
S. S. Enrollment	6490	6740 + 250
S. S. Average Attendance	3947	4130 + 183
Vac. Bible S. Enrollment	2621	2755 + 134
Vac. Bible S. Average Attend.	2411	2489 + 78

During the past year the work of our Sunday School has been organized on

a departmental level, with a superintendent for enlargement, evangelism, and training; and a leader for each of the groups in the Association. We have secured leaders for each department in the Sunday School from the Cradle Roll through the Adults. In the future, the programs for our Associational Sunday School Rallys will emphasize training for each of the departmental leaders.

There has been a great deal of interest shown on the part of our Churches in this type work. For these programs to succeed, we need the help of our pastors and superintendents. Please see that your teachers and officers attend these rallys. We need their presence badly.

For 1956: Let's Get The Men In Sunday School

The day has arrived when it is imperative that we make an all-out effort to reach men for Bible study. The need in our churches for men is so great that we can well afford to use every religious and spiritual means to accomplish this task.

Our Baptist Churches should enroll the men in Sunday School because:

1. The Lord Commands It
2. It is a Worthy Purpose
3. It provides a Long-range Purpose and Program
4. It is Profitable: Get the men and you get—the family, Christian homes, stronger churches, money for the work of the Lord, Christian influence, Christian statesmen, Christian citizens, and higher moral standards.
5. It Is Possible:

a. When a Sunday School is organized by a church to enlist and win every man;

b. When there is a class for men for every fifteen to thirty possibilities;

c. When classes are graded by age and kept graded by proper assignment of new members and annual promotion;

d. When the classes for men are organized to do the work of a church;

e. When men have opportunity to participate in Bible study and work of a class;

f. When a church provides teachers and class officers who are church-centered in their loyalties and practices;

g. When the class is keyed to win men to Christ, church membership, and Christian living.

Clement Yancey
Associational Superintendent

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Report on Training Union was read by Mr. C. H. Guerrant.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

The purpose of the Training Union Department is to promote a program of training in every Baptist Church in the Southern Baptist Convention. Training in Church membership is an absolute essential to well rounded Christian growth.

We have made some progress this year in our training union work. We have

twenty-one unions now, compared with twenty last year; the total enrollment being 1236.

We have held our four quarterly mass meetings this year, at this time we invite all the Churches in the association to come together at one Church. Here we bring our report on our achievements, give and receive some ideas on Training Union work. There has been much interest shown at these meetings. Our average attendance for the four meetings of the year was 158.

We feel also that there has been a fine spirit of work and fellowship among our members in training union program this year.

A Training Union in your Church will help to train your members to do better work in every department of your Church organization.

Some suggestions to the churches in the Flat River Association:

1. If you have a Training Union in your church:
   - A. Be sure your union is fully graded with all of its departments.
   - B. See that every officer in your union knows his or her duties.
   - C. If you have a neighbor church who doesn't have a training union, make plans to introduce training union in their church and help them organize a union.
2. If you do not have a Training Union in your church:
   - A. Have a committee or a group from your church to visit a Training Union in some other church and bring back a report on that Training Union.
   - B. Call a meeting of your members, invite a training union worker to meet with you and help you organize a Training Union.

C. H. Guerrant,
Associational Training Union Director

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Report on Baptist Colleges was read by Rev. T. O. Moak, Jr. After discussion by Dr. Gaines Rogers of Wake Forest, Mr. Duane W. Ausborne of Campbell College and Rev. Ross Cadle of Chowan College, these reports were adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST COLLEGES

In North Carolina, Baptists support seven colleges with a total enrollment of 6,000. Of these about 750 are training in several lines of the Christian ministry. During this year our people will provide a little more than $150.00 per student for operating and capital expenses through the Cooperative Program. This amount is expected to advance through the success of the Nine-Year Program of Advance.

Besides the colleges of our State, North Carolina Baptists also support seven other educational institutions through the Cooperative Program. These include our five well-known Seminaries, the American Baptist Seminary for Negroes in Nashville, Tenn., and the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The total enrollment of these institutions last year was 5,782. This number includes 3,826 ministerial students and 810 mission volunteers.

The next meeting of our Association will find Wake Forest College operating in the first year of its experience on its beautiful new campus in Winston-Salem.

The move will be made in June, 1956. The new campus, which has been constructed at the cost of $20,000,000, will be of lasting credit and worth to the people of this state; and will provide opportunities to youth never before offered by our denomination.

In an address to the Baptist State Convention in 1921, Dr. William Louis Poteat, then President of Wake Forest College, said: "A little more than 87 years ago, and a few years after Samuel Wait had opened school at Wake Forest, a correspondent on a flying trip through North Carolina wrote to a religious journal in the North a gloomy letter about the physical and moral aspects of the State. He reported one hopeful thing. 'They have kindled,' said he 'a light in the Wake Forest Institute that I trust will soon shed its beams over the whole State.' "

It is impossible to estimate the influence of the faith and energy shed through these institutions in over a hundred years. But the challenge of the hour is ours. We shall rise to the opportunity with diligence and Christian conviction.

Thomas O. Moak, Jr.

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Rev. J. M. Hayes, Supt. of N. C. Baptist Homes, spoke briefly.
Announcements and closing prayer by the Moderator.

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TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

Held With Oxford Baptist Church

Hymn—"We Have A Story To Tell"
Devotional was led by Rev. Harold Lester.

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Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. Paul C. Mattox.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

There are 8 and ½ million people in America who speak a different language from what we speak. They speak Spanish. They speak French. They speak Italian. They speak Russian. They speak Japanese. They speak Chinese. They all need Christ and the inspiration of Christian ideals.

There are 10 million negroes in America. One half of them have never made a profession of faith in Christ.

There are 1,000,000 Indians in America. One out of every three never heard a gospel sermon.

There are 500,000 Jews who need Christ.

There are over 70,000 people in America who neither speak nor hear. They

are deaf and dumb. Think of that many silent people in one place. Why, they would make a city nearly ten times the size of Oxford. More than twice as many as the total population of Granville County.

Thousands of migrant workers roam from place to place looking for work. They follow the seasons to harvest the crops. Their spiritual needs are many.

Thousands of unwed mothers who need medical care, warm sympathy and spiritual guidance, weigh heavy upon our beloved America.

There are thousands of bums, alcoholics, and human derelicts who roam the streets of our larger cities. They are desperate for Christ.

There are 15 western states where fewer than 100 Baptist Churches are located.

Yes, we have plenty "big game" to shoot at in our own back yard.

May I say that the Home Mission Board is gathering ammunition for the "big hunt."

Last year, 1,444 missionaries served on the Home Mission Board Staff.

Plans have already been approved to increase our church building loan fund to 6 million dollars. In the near future it is expected to be increased to 11 million, and eventually to 27 million.

Home Mission Board has helped to build more than 30 new churches in three western states since 1951.

The Home Mission operates more than 40 good will centers, 7 homes for unwed and unfortunate mothers, and 4 rescue missions.

The big question is: What can the Flat River Baptist Association do to help "clean up our back yard"? We can help strengthen our own local churches with dedicated lives. We can also encourage our own churches to give more to the Cooperative Program, and to give a worthy offering to the Annie Armstrong offering.

Paul C. Mattox

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Miss Rebecca Maness read a message from Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Cline who are stationed in Thialand.

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Report on Cooperative Program was read by Rev. Norman Hicks.

REPORT ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

On May 13, 1925 in Memphis, Tennessee, the Cooperative Program was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Cooperative Program is the most efficient way that Baptists have ever found to work together to accomplish the mission work Jesus commanded. It is spiritual in authority; democratic in operation; efficient in its results, and unifying in its consequences.

The Cooperative Program is a practical plan, growing out of long missionary experience, which makes it possible for the offerings of each worshipper and each

church to flow into all the world. In 30 years of following this plan Southern Baptists contributed $266,000,000. Such offerings are brought to God. They pass into the treasury of the church for the promotion of Christ's kingdom everywhere. A part of these offerings remain in the treasury of the local church for meeting local church expenses, and a part is marked for the "Co-operative Program." The part that remains in the church and the part that is marked for the Cooperative Program is determined by the church itself.—Thus the Cooperative Program makes it possible for an individual or a church to have a share in everything that Baptist are doing at home and abroad.

With the dollars you give through the Cooperative Program you literally, "go into all the world." You preach, teach, minister to the sick and needy, train church leaders and missionaries, and give the gospel to men of every race in our country and around the world.

Southern Baptists are growing in their support of the Cooperative Program. Although many churches still have no part in the support of the program of world missions through the Cooperative Program, the number of such churches is growing smaller each year. There is an increasing awareness of spiritual need beyond one's own church and community. There is an increasing concern about the proportion being expended on the local programs of the churches in comparison with what is given for the whole world beyond one's own church. There is increasing gratitude for the scriptural methods, the insignificant cost and the remarkably efficient results of the Cooperative Program.

Statistics reveal that Southern Baptist are growing in their stewardship more rapidly than any other major denomination in America. We recall however that at the present time the gifts of Southern Baptist through their churches are less than 3% of our estimated income. There is much to encourage us and much to stimulate and inspire us to further advance, but nothing of which we may boast.

What can be done to increase our support of the local church programs and of world missions?
Your committee recommends:

1. That every church plan to observe church and denomination night on a convenient night this fall.
2. That every church plan a Stewardship Revival, Oct. 30-Nov. 6.
3. That every church have a budget.
4. That every church conduct an every-member canvass.
5. That every church include gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program in its budget for a certain percentage of the total budget, rather than for a certain number of dollars.
6. That every church prayerfully consider increasing the percentage going to missions through the Cooperative Program each year.

Finally let us reflect upon this sentence. "The Sun Never Sets On The Work That The Dollars Given Through The Cooperative Program Are Doing."

Norman Hicks

Report on W.M.U. was read by Mrs. Lonnie Nelms.

REPORT ON W.M.U.

At the annual meeting of the Raleigh Region of Woman's Missionary Union, how fitting that the theme for the program should have been "In Royal Service." Woman's Missionary Union has ever been and is an organization of Baptist women whose only reason for existence is obedience to the King's Command to "Go—Tell", and whose only motive for this Royal Service of Witnessing is love. How different from the Kingdoms of this world, whose authority is delegated by force and service is only born of fear.

1403 women are enlisted in the Royal Service of witnessing in Flat River W.M.U. These are in thirty missionary societies in thirty of our thirty-two churches. Ten of these are full graded unions, fifteen have one or more youth organizations, five have none.

To know the Kingdom, women in Royal Service study. There have been fifty mission study classes with 1273 women participating and reading missionary books. Youth organizations have also been active in study and reading.

Women in Royal Service invest in the Kingdom through tithes and offerings. 1248 are giving systematically and regularly through the Cooperative Program and 349 are tithers. Special offerings for missions were as follows:

Foreign Missions	$2,895.90
Home Missions	1,689.50
State Missions	1,209.26
Heck-Jones Memorial Offering	768.31

All of these are an increase over previous offerings, and in addition, W.M.U. of Flat River presented Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cline, missionaries to Thailand, with a love offering amounting to $248.00.

In youth organizations, young people are learning valuable lessons in stewardship of possessions.

Community Missions affords an opportunity to serve the King immediately and locally and 24 of the societies with many youth organizations are engaged monthly in community missions.

Close contact with the King is maintained through Prayer, Individual Prayer; Intercessory Prayer, and faithful observance of the Seasons of Prayer.

Through regular reporting Woman's Missionary Union makes a thorough check-up which promotes healthy organization and calls forth the best, fully realizing that real progress cannot be chartered in figures, but waiting patiently for the harvest.

There are plans in the making now to place in the hands of the Brotherhood, the Royal Ambassador Chapter. What a glorious privilege and responsibility this will be for the men of our churches to lead our boys into ever-widening fields of Royal Service through missionary education, tithes and offerings and prayer.

Mrs. Wesley N. Jones in Royal Service for fifty-seven years, in her last address as President of North Carolina Union, said: "Early in our work, we selected as our motto, "For ye serve the Lord Christ", and that has been the motive power of our service through the years. It has been by His Power and by His Guiding Hand that we have gone to what we believed was our divinely appointed task. Today we would say with deep humility and thankful

hearts, in the words of the Psalmist, "Thine, Oh Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory".

Mrs. Lonnie Nelms, Supt.

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Address by Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, on "N. C. Baptist Women and World Missions".
Special Music by Flat River Choral Group.
Film—"Together We Build"
Closing prayer by Rev. A. S. Lamm.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Held With Florence Ave. Church

Hymn—"O Worship The King" and "Faith of Our Fathers"
Devotional was led by Rev. D. W. Cooper.

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Report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Mrs. Fred Phipps and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The work moves on at our Orphanage. During the past year your program of Child Care has moved steadily forward. Probably there has never been a year in the history of the Orphanage when the children's needs were more adaquately met.

God created the home as a place for children to live as they grow into maturity. The best institution is a poor substitute for a good Christian home. However, we are doing our best at your Children's Homes to make conditions as nearly like a normal home as possible. This is reflected in the fine spirit of your children.

During the year we cared for a total of 713 children. At the same time we gave services to and helped in the placement of more than 600 other children.

Special gifts have made possible the continuation of our building program. The new Church building at Kennedy Home is almost completed. It is considered one of the most beautiful in the state. This will greatly help to meet the greatest single need of the 160 children who live there.

During the year the Broyhill Swimming Pool was constructed at Mills Home. This was a gift from the Broyhills of Lenoir, N. C. It meets a very definite need in the lives of growing children.

In 1954 our income from the Churches was at an all-time high.

The Baptist State Convention voted for the Orphanage to come into the Cooperative Program beginning January 1, 1955. From the Cooperative Program it is to receive "That part of its support not otherwise provided for." Under this plan the vast majority of the Churches continue to send to the Orphanage the Once-A-Month offering just as in the past. Some, however, have put the Orphanage in their Cooperative Program budget. It now looks as if about $60,000.00 of our income this year will be through the Cooperative Program.

Under the new plan of support the Thanksgiving offering becomes more important than ever before. Any future expansion of your Child Care program will depend largely upon this offering. Hence, the Orphanage representative in our Association, along with every pastor and Sunday School worker, is urged to try to get every Church to promote a worthy "Thank Offering" this year. Urge each person to give at least "One Day's Pay" to help the host of homeless children who cannot possibly help themselves.

Mrs. Fred A. Phipps

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Report on State Missions was read by Rev. W. J. Edwards in absence of the author.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

"North Carolina for Christ" is the great objective of State Missions. In order to reach this objective, the State Missions Program is channeled into twenty-two different areas and ministries. North Carolina is far from being half Christian; thus the challenge is urgent. There are 781,777 Baptist Church Members in our state; yet 65% of our church constituency is not dedicated in the Christian profession. The outreach of our total program of missions will be determined by the extent to which our state is Christianized.

In North Carolina there are about two million unevangelized people. The task of State Missions is to carry out the three-fold purpose of Christ which is: make disciples and all the nations, teach the disciples to do the will of our Master, and heal the sick.

Our people are being taught and trained through three of the most significant phases of our State Missions Work. These are: Sunday School, Training Union and Rural Church Departments. Through the Vacation Bible Schools promoted by the Sunday School Department, $29,000 has been reported given to the Cooperative Program, and 2,200 schools have been held. Many boys and girls have accepted Christ, and the Bible Study has been invaluable to those studying. The Training Union Department reports an all time high as far as units of work are concerned. This means that our people are being trained in Doctrines, in Giving and in Church Membership. Over 5,700 of our Baptist people have attended Training Union Assemblies during the summer of 1955. Through the rural church department, many churches have been enlisted in our Baptist program of Stewardship and Organizational life, and a number of half-time and quarter-time churches have been led to actuate full-time programs of service.

The Department of Evangelism reports that during the crusade, North Caro-

lina Baptists baptized more people than any other state except Texas. This department has sought and is seeking to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their communities; also to plan for and promote united evangelistic efforts on a State and Associational-wide scale.

Pastors' Schools are promoted through State Missions to develop better trained pastors for congregations which are demanding it. Approximately 160 men are attending school at Fruitland and Caswell each year.

The Allied Church League, designed to help produce a sober and sane citizenship in North Carolina is a program aided by State Missions. Three thousand Silent People beckon for our care, love and concern. Our growing Assemblies at Fruitland and Caswell demand our attention, for they are reaching approximately 12,000 people each summer, giving to them inspiration, fellowship and training.

State Missions seeks in a limited way to minister to the Colored Races in our midst. A growing population demands new and stronger churches, and State Missions provides a significant ministry through aid on the purchase of building sites for these churches and pastors' salaries.

The Baptist Student Union is seeking through State Missions to stay in close contact with our young men and women who are attending College in North Carolina. These young people constitute a great potential leadership for tomorrow, and their spiritual needs are great during this crucial period.

Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Jr.

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Report on Relief and Annuity was read by Mr. Gray Rogers and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

On May 16, 1918, The Southern Baptist Convention recognized the need and established the Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities. The intent of those who founded it was to provide reasonable comforts and necessities for the ministers who could not provide for themselves due to age or disability.

Since that time the coverage has been increased, and the board now has a plan to cover every person who is employed in denominational work, whether pastor, field worker, missionary, or janitor. Participation is voluntary on the part of the workers and the church.

Are we as Baptists of the Flat River Association recognizing this need, and making it possible for our pastors and other workers to be able to participate in the plan that fits his or her need?

Our Federal Government has recognized this need and has extended Social Security coverage, that ministers might be able to provide themselves with its benefits.

I urge you to see what your church is doing to help your pastor provide for his old age.

E. Grey Rogers

Address on Missions by Dr. M. A. Huggins.

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Report on N. C. Baptist Homes, Inc. was read by Mr. W. S. Young and adopted.

REPORT ON N. C. BAPTIST HOMES, INC.

The North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging began their fifth year of operation March 16, 1955. This has been a year of encouraging progress. Both Homes—Resthaven and Albemarle—have had a continuing waiting list of applicants. As soon as a vacancy occurs there are far more applicants for admission than can be accepted.

This year will be remembered as one of notable enlargement of facilities. Construction of the Administration and Residential Building, costing $300,000, will get under way, and it should be completed by this time next year. The new building will provide office facilities, dining room, kitchen, chapel, infirmary, recreational and handicraft space, and rooms for forty additional residents, thus raising the total capacity of the Homes to 95 residents.

Two-thirds of the cost of the new building is now in hand, counting the value of real estate turned over to the Homes. Personal and corporation gifts are being received which will further add to the amount on hand.

Memorial gifts may be made in the following ways: A gift of $300 will furnish a room; $1,000 will endow—furnish and maintain—a room; $3,000 will pay cost of building a room. In either case, a memorial plaque—bearing the name of the donor and the name of the person memorialized, or honored—will be placed on the door of a room.

Miss Nettie Pearl Willis gave her homeplace at Vale, N. C., as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Laura Elliott Goode Willis. The property will be sold and proceeds be used to erect a cottage on the permanent site of our Homes. In addition, Miss Willis made her will in favor of the Homes.

Increasing support on the part of our churches and denominational program gives great encouragement. So far this year, our Special Day Offering has reached almost $70,000. Since many of the churches put the Homes in the budget instead of taking a special offering, and some of the churches wait until the end of the calendar year to send their gifts, a complete report for the year cannot be made at this time. But it is likely that our goal of $100,000 for the special offering will be nearly reached. In addition, the Homes will receive $39,850 as their share of the Nine Year Program, according to the estimated budget.

With increasing aid from denominational sources, the Homes are helping a larger number who do not have sufficient funds with which to pay the cost of keep as residents. In fact, about ninety per cent of all residents are being helped by the Homes—some with about two-thirds of the cost of keep, and others with about one-third. Less than ten per cent of the residents in the Homes have turned over enough assets to pay their cost of keep on the life plan. Regardless of financial condition, an applicant is received into the Homes on the basis of need and room available.

W. S. Young

At this time a special prayer was led by Rev. E. G. Usry.

Rev. A. S. Lamm made brief remarks on Baptist World Alliance and the Holy Land.

Hymn—"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. Norman Hicks.

Announcements and closing prayer by the host pastor, Rev. E. W. Greene.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn—"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name", "Amazing Grace."

Devotion was led by Rev. E. R. Harris.

Brief discussion on American Bible Society, Mars Hill College and Southeastern Seminary, by Rev. E. W. Greene, Mr. W. A. Mitchiner and Mr. Sandusky.

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Report on Christian Citizenship was read by Rev. Oren Bradley in absence of the author.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Jesus said, in John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

It is this "Abundant Life" that every true Christian wants to live; and it is his Christ-provided right to live it. To have this abundant Christian life it is only necessary to trust and obey and to enter into the total life of your church with enthusiasm and steadfastness.

There are some who only desire that their names be placed upon Church rolls so that an obituary may some day be read which, because of that fact, may assign them a spot in heaven. Of such Jesus promised he would say though in His name they prophesied and did mighty works, "I never knew you," and Jude said, "They are spots in your feasts of charity . . . clouds without water . . . trees without fruit, twice dead plucked up by the roots . . . wandering stars to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever."

In I Corinthians, Chapter 3, the perfect plan is given for building your happy, worthy Christian life. Verse II says the only foundation is Christ. Having received Him and trusted His blood alone to save you forever, you may build your Christian life and your eternal home upon the foundation of salvation by grace through faith in Christ. Salvation is free, the gift of God. You cannot pay for it if you wish. But having been saved by grace, we show our faith; and demonstrate our salvation; and live the new life Christ has implanted within us, by doing good Christ-like works unselfishly for His glory. For every good work we do after receiving Christ as Saviour, if the work is done because we love Christ and not seeking the praise of men, we have a reward in heaven. (Matthew 6:1-6)

Tempations to be slack, to drift into old company and former ways will come in the life of every Christian. But Christ is your all powerful always

present and ever ready ally. Call on Him quickly for deliverance, flee the temptation, and He will give you victory every time. (I Cor. 10:12-14) And if you sin, confess your sin completely and without excuse to Christ and He will forgive and cleanse you (I John 1:9). Remember always that each sin hurts our Saviour; it takes His blood to cleanse each one; and scars and chastisement are the penalty for indulging in sins.

Three talks each day will help you to grow in grace and become more like the Master.

1. Let God talk to you every day through His word.
   The church through its Sunday School and Training Union can help you be a Christian Citizen through the study of His Word.
2. Talk to God in Prayer daily.
   Family and private devotions help to solve life problems.
3. Talk to someone about God every day.
   This is important for spiritual growth and genuine Christian Citizenship. It's easy to talk about God and Christ at Church but how about your daily talk. Be proud of your Saviour. Be glad you are a christian. Promote Christian Citizenship through the church of our living Lord, and in your home. These must be linked together to produce good citizens in today's world. As Christian citizens we must keep the New Testament commandments, live by our Church covenant, believe in the Bible, the Blood of Jesus and the blessed hope of His return. This is abundant Christian living.

Robert T. Liner

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Address on Public Morals and Civic Righteousness by Mr. C. W. Duggins.

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Report on Nominating Committee was read by Rev. Paul C. Mattox.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

W. M. U.	Mrs. Lonnie Nelms
State Missions	Rev. Floyd Hellams
Home Missions	Rev. Harold Lester
Foreign Missions	Mrs. Thomas B. Currin
Asso. S. S. Supt.	Mr. L. C. Yancey
Asso. Training Union Director	Mrs. Oren Bradley
Baptist Colleges	Rev. Jack Coffey
Religious Literature	Miss Lila Piper
Cooperative Program	Rev. Ronald Hicks
Orphanage	Mrs. Fred Phipps
Christian Citizenship	Rev. Norman Hicks
Relief and Annuity	Mr. Gray Rogers

Baptist Hospital ---------- Mrs. Casper Critcher
N. C. Baptist Homes ---------- Mr. W. S. Young
Auditor ---------- Mr. Melvin S. Currin
Visual Aid Director ---------- Rev. A. S. Lamm

MEMBERS AT LARGE

	Term Expires
Leon Perkinson — G. W. Norwood	1956
W. W. Whitfield — C. M. Dean	1957
A. D. Dillehay — J. A. Timberlake	1958
Dr. James F. Pruitt — Leslie Blackwell	1959

Paul C. Mattox
Mrs. W. B. Pittard
Mrs. Albert Daniel
Committee

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

Time—October 16-17, 1956.
Place—Hester — Butner.
Preacher—Rev. Herbert W. Baucom, Jr.
Alternate—Rev. Floyd Hellams.

D. W. Cooper
C. W. Allen
Pete Murray
Committee

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REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that:

(1) We express our deepest appreciation to the host churches, West Oxford and Florence Ave., and their pastors the Reverends Albert Lamm and T. O. Moak for the splendid way in which they entertained us during this 162nd session of the Flat River Association.

(2) We thank the officers of the Asso. who served so faithfully during the past year; and the program committee for the excellent program of this session. Let us pray that God's blessing be upon those who will lead us during the new asso. year.

(3) We support the Presbyterians in their efforts to locate a 4 year college in Granville County.

W. H. Lester
Mrs. W. J. Edwards
Mrs. Franklin Gill

Report on Obituaries was read by Judge W. A. Devin.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Our Beloved Dead

AMIS CHAPEL—Mr. John Nelson
CORINTH—Mrs. W. A. Currin
CREEDMOOR—Mr. Alvis Green, Mrs. C. B. Chappell
DEXTER—Mrs. Iola Gooch Greene
ENON—Mr. Ellis S. Averett, Mrs. Frank Currin, Mr. Charlie Hobgood, Mr. Brodie M. O'Brian, Mrs. Norma Peak
FELLOWSHIP—Miss Lucy Beck, Mrs. Electa Milton, Mrs. Nannie Jackson, Mrs. Ora Perry, Mr. Robert Sandling
FRANKLINTON—Mr. John Wesley Wheelous, Deacon, Mrs. Ernest King
GRASSY CREEK—Mr. Allie Loftis, Mr. C. B. Loftis
HESTER—Mr. Sam Frazier, Miss Lavett Garrett, Mr. Flem Beasley, Mr. Johnnie Currin, Mr. Bob Watkins, Mr. Joe Brooks, Mr. Reub. Jones, Mrs. L. T. Elliott
ISLAND CREEK—Mrs. Clara Hunt
MOUNTAIN CREEK—Miss Anna Currin, Mrs. Bessie Blackwell, Mr. W. W. Watts
MT. OLIVET—Mr. Albert Wilson, Miss Hattie Ball
MT. ZION—Mrs. Brendell Wilkins, Mr. Robert Adcock, Mrs. R. H. O'Brian, Mrs. George Hancock, Mr. Dock Murray, Mr. L. E. Clayton, Mr. W. D. Mangum
OLIVE GROVE—Mrs. Nellie Forsythe Jones, Mr. James McCoy Emory
OXFORD—Mrs. J. D. Jackson, Mr. John Watson Cannady, Mr. A. H. Waller, Mr. Bobby Puryear, Mrs. W. A. McFarland, Mr. G. F. Downey
PROVIDENCE—Mrs. John Beasley, Mrs. Annie Tunstall, Mr. Jack Overton
SHARON—Mr. Jessie Denny
STOVALL—Miss Zana Cash, Mrs. W. M. Cutts, Mrs. Charlie Boyd, Mrs. Mary Crutcher, Mrs. J. C. Hayes, Mr. W. C. Sharon
TALLY HO—Mrs. G. W. Whitfield, Mr. A. A. Green
WEST OXFORD—Mrs. Catlett, Mr. David Hoyle

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Remarks by the Moderator on the theme of the 1955 session.
Hymn—"Blest Be The Tie"
Closing prayer by Mr. Sandusky of the Southeastern Seminary.

Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, Moderator
Sam A. Howard, Clerk

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Every Member Canvass	State Paper in Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Amis Chapel	R	1855	2-4	E. W. Greene, Henderson, Rt. 5	5	4	13	238	74	312	1	15	Yes	No	$ 1,800.00
Brassfield	R	1823	1-3		2	6	2	99	16	115	1	1	No	No	1,000.00
✓Bullock	V		All	Floyd Hellams, Bullock	7	8	13	122	53	175	1	37		No	1,600.00
Butner	T	1948	All	W. Harold Lester, Butner	13	6	5	158	10	168	2			No	2,292.00
✓Concord	R	1782	2-4	James G. Dissel, Wake Forest			2	75	50	125	1	3	No	No	840.00
✓Corinth	R	1832	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	10	6	13	117	75	192	1	21	No	No	1,500.00
Creedmoor	T		All		24	29	14	283	53	336	2	35			3,600.00
Dexter	R	1906	2-4	Eldridge T. Vinson, Oxford	5		4			202	1	10	No	Yes	1,200.00
Enon	R	1875	All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	4	6	20	295	97	392	1		No	Yes	2,500.00
Fellowship	R	1840	All	R. R. Pulley, Creedmoor	16	12	7			279	1				1,500.00
✓Florence Ave.	V	1891	All	T. O. Moak, Jr., Virgilina, Va.		2	5	77	47	124	1	10	No	No	3,000.00
Franklinton	T	1858	All	D. W. Cooper, Franklinton	16	6	31	398	115	513		37	No	Yes	4,000.00
Grassy Creek	R	1754	All	Dennis M. Larkins, Oxford	3	2	12	225	224	449	2	7	Yes	No	2,300.00
Hester	R	1823	All	Paul C. Mattox, Oxford	8	6	20	476	34	510	1		Yes	No	4,600.00
✓Island Creek	R	1822	All	Jack F. Coffey, Box 743, Henderson	36	6	9	365	199	564	1	45	Yes	Yes	3,000.00
Knott's Grove	R	1901	All	L. W. Smith, Oxford	2	1	6	97	53	150	1	4		No	1,800.00
Mountain Creek	R	1860	All	Dennis M. Larkins, Oxford	12	6	18	384	100	484	2	25	Yes	No	2,000.00
						2	5			198	1	6		No	1,200.00
✓Mt. Olivet	R	1865	All	Robert Clegg, Wake Forest	31	8	16			396	1		No	No	2,400.00
Mt. Zion	V		All	Ronald D. Hicks, Oxford	17	5	9	210	83	293	1	12	Yes		1,900.00
✓Olive Grove	R	1880	All	Robert Lawson, Wake Forest	49	39	40	1033	324	1357	1	44	Yes	No	7,200.00
Oxford	C	1848	All	Herbert W. Baucom, Jr., Oxford	25	15	9	243	123	366	2	12	No	No	1,500.00
✓Peace's Chapel	R	1887	All	Norman Hicks, Oxford	3	2	2			210	1	2	No	No	1,200.00
Pleasant Grove	R	1858	All	R. R. Pulley, Creedmoor	5		7	70	27	97	1		No	No	800.00
Poplar Creek	R		2-4	Eldridge T. Vinson, Oxford	11	10	15	318	80	398	1	33	Yes	No	2,000.00
Providence	V	1907	All	L. W. Smith, Oxford	2	1	8	155	104	259	1				1,600.00
✓Rock Spring	R	1886	All	M. Floyd Hellams, Bullock	7		6	177	21	198	1	16	No		1,500.00
✓Sharon	R	1896	All	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	18	14	38	500	200	700	2	60	No	No	4,000.00
Stovall	V	1886	All	Oren Bradley, Stovall	9	17	3	122	109	231	1	4		No	1,500.00
✓Tabb's Creek	R	1906	All	W. J. Edwards, Oxford	5	2	7			141	1	3		No	500.00
Tally Ho	R		3	C. H. Norris, Wake Forest	11	12	13	264		264	2	41	No	No	3,600.00
West Oxford	C	1910	All	A. S. Lamm, Oxford											
				Totals	356	233	372	6501	2271	10198	37	483			$69,432.00

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V. B. S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Amis Chapel	W. S. Young, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 3			15	15	25	25	12	130		3	225	117	72	71		
Brassfield	C. W. Allen, Jr., Creedmoor, Rt. 1			11	12	12	18	22	39			114	80	73	65		
Bullock	H. H. Hicks, Bullock			14	12	24	24		50			124	74	63	57		
Butner	M. O. Lester, Butner		19	29	44	27	27	35	76	75	5	337	178	98	70		1
Concord	Joe Bryant, Jr., Creedmoor			5	5		6	13	25		2	56	30	30	27		
Corinth	Wallace Brummitt, Oxford, Rt. 2			15	12	21	12	17	55			132	89	64	60		
Creedmoor		12	21	18	36	38	44	14	155	9		347	217	94		Yes	2
Dexter	A. B. Greene, Sr., Oxford, Rt.5		4	1	5	12	9	8	45			84	50	47	43		
Enon	Dr. James F. Pruitt, Oxford	17	7	16	17	23	24	52	170	8		334	203	109	103	Yes	
Fellowship	W. Sam Hobgood, Creedmoor			42	23	28	40	32	78			243	157	95	86		
Florence Ave.	George Smith, Virgilina, Va.			14	12	9	5	17	26	3		86	48	47	44	Yes	
Franklinton	D. C. Hicks, Franklinton	53	41	32	62	69	52	24	137	18	3	491	246	136	117	Yes	2
Grassy Creek	C. A. Timberlake, Nelson, Va., Rt. 1			20	20	29	29	58	65			221	245	76	73		
Hester	Sam A. Howard, Oxford	10	50	25	31	48	27	51	254		5	501	299	178	158	Yes	3
Island Creek	C. S. Tippett, Sr., Henderson		24	15	27	49	36	36	164	15		366	202	128	117		1
Knott's Grove	Mrs. Graham Matthews, Oxford			12		13			40		4	69	41	62	50		
Mountain Creek	Elbert Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		7	28	9	25	34	52	97		2	254	154	124	106		
Mt. Olivet	E. L. Blackley, Franklinton, Rt. 1			7	11	9	7	12	30			76	35	52	46		
Mt. Zion	Marshall Murray, Oxford		11	28	40	47	45	32	152			355	209	185	173	Yes	
Olive Grove	W. B. Brinkley, Northside, Rt. 1		13	23	18	33	15	15	81	6	2	206	100	111	97		1
Oxford	W. Marshall Cannady, Oxford	25	56	62	82	98	110	67	269	35	3	807		282	239	Yes	1
Peace's Chapel	Richard Roberts, Kittrell, Rt. 2	5	6	25	20	20	35	49	65			225	144	93	85		
Pleasant Grove	R. Lee Smith, Creedmoor, Rt. 1				13	16	15	14	70			128	85	44	42		
Poplar Creek	Amos Brewer, Henderson, Rt. 3			7	8	8		9	28			60	40	32	31		
Providence	Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2	9	15	24	41	44	38	48	135		3	357	204	151	141		
Rock Spring	George T. Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5			15	14	10	10	10	45			104	70	76	69		
Sharon	Floyd Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4		3	9	11	12	8	9	42			94	71	105	99		
Stovall	C. V. Tart, Stovall		26	23	27	50	52	57	202		5	442	220	138	120	Yes	
Tabb's Creek	Jack Currin, Oxford, Rt. 3			26		21	17	32	59		10	165	95	74	75	Yes	1
Tally Ho	J. W. Weldon, Stem, Rt. 1			12	12	10	10	16	24			84	41	79	72		
West Oxford	A. D. Dillehay, Oxford		7	13	28	38	30	75	90		6	287	154	94	87		
Totals		131	310	586	667	868	804	888	2898	169	53	7374		3012			12

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Brassfield	Mrs. Allen Hutson, Franklinton, Rt. 2					11	12			23	
Bullock	Mrs. H. F. Gill, Bullock			9	11	12		20		52	30
Butner	Norman Kelley, Butner	9			16			20		45	22
Concord	Mrs. D. M. Burnett, Creedmoor, Rt. 2			3	3			8	4	18	15
Creedmoor		3	7	10	20	28	11	49		128	68
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Ellen Wilkinson, Virgilina, Va.							11		11	8
Franklinton	Frank Fagan, Franklinton			16	23	27	9	31	3	109	51
Hester	Mrs. Sam A. Howard, Oxford		1	2	7	20	3	7		40	28
Island Creek	C. D. Blake, Henderson		9	14	24	26	31	40	5	149	96
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Leslie Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 4		10	9	16	17	8	13		73	49
Mt. Zion	Miss Melba A. Seaford, Oxford, Rt. 1			12	39	1	13	21	3	89	
Olive Grove	W. D. Emory, Northside, Rt. 1	5	7	12	9	10	10	23	2	78	54
Oxford	Thomas B. Currin, Oxford		10	12	35	28	8	37	3	133	85
Pleasant Grove	Miss Judy Smith, Creedmoor, Rt. 1				4	10	6	20		40	25
Rock Spring	Vaughan Mittener, Clarksville, Va., Rt. 1			9	11		15	24		59	40
Sharon	Clyde Powell, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 1		2		7	6	8	9		32	
Stovall	Francis Wilson, Oxford		9	6	19	37	7	17	4	99	50
West Oxford	Thomas Brown, Oxford				17		19	10	4	50	35
	Totals	17	55	114	261	233	160	360	28	1228	

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Amis Chapel	Mrs. J. George West, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	4	62	8	15	24	109	15
Brassfield	Mrs. Alvin Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	1			1	2	14			27	41	
Bullock	Mrs. H. H. Hicks, Bullock	1			1	2	31			14	45	12
Butner	Mrs. Pearl Shearin, Butner	1		1	1	3	38		16	30	84	12
Concord	Mrs. Graham Goss, Northside, Rt. 1	1				1	12				12	1
Corinth	Mrs. C. A. Latta, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	4	40	6	11	8	65	21
Creedmoor		1	1	1		3	52	13	14		79	17
Dexter	Mrs. B. W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5	1		1	1	3	17		7	5	29	10
Enon	Mrs. J. T. Yancey, Oxford, Rt. 3	1	1	1	1	4	65	5	20	27	117	39
Florence Ave.	Mrs. Ellen Wilkinson, Virgilina, Va.	1		1	1	3	16		12	16	44	10
Franklinton	Mrs. Helen Carter, Franklinton, Rt. 1	4	1	1	1	7	88	11	37	19	155	24
Grassy Creek	Mrs. Joe Noblin, Nelson, Va., Rt. 1	1		1	1	3	26		9	6	41	
Hester	Mrs. F. R. Barlowe, Oxford	2	1	2	1	6	94	6	24	46	170	26
Island Creek	Mrs. C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	2	1	2	1	6	72	8	12	15	107	33
Knott's Grove	Miss Thelma Moss, Oxford, Rt. 2	1				1	22				22	
Mountain Creek	Mrs. Lonie Elliott, Oxford, Rt. 4	1	1	1	1	4	53	11	12	13	89	
Mt. Olivet	Mrs. A. L. Blackley, Franklinton, Rt. 1	1		1	1	3	18		8	12	38	6
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Harry Newton, Oxford, Rt. 1	1	1	2	1	5	50	17	28	20	115	27
Olive Grove	Mrs. R. A. Sherron, Northside, Rt. 1	1				1	15				15	3
Oxford	Mrs. L. E. Tuten, Oxford	1	1	3	1	6	243	12	48	39	342	43
Peace's Chapel	Mrs. Vencen Morton, Oxford, Rt. 3	1			1	2	30			41	71	6
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. M. W. Newton, Creedmoor	1				1	19				19	
Poplar Creek	Mrs. C. H. Greenway, Henderson, Rt. 3	1			1	2	22			12	34	
Providence	Mrs. Glenn Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 2	1	1	2	1	5	52	10	20	51	133	23
Rock Spring	Mrs. George Wilson, Henderson, Rt. 5	1		1	1	3	19		10	20	49	
Sharon	Mrs. Tommie Dixon, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 2	1	1	1	1	4	34	10	8	18	70	
Stovall	Mrs. Calvin Frazier, Oxford, Rt. 4	3	1	2	2	8	72	11	22	20	125	55
Tabb's Creek	Mrs. James Blackwell, Oxford, Rt. 3	1		1	1	3	37		11	15	63	15
Tally Ho	Mrs. Ralph Whitfield	1			1	2	36			10	46	3
West Oxford	Mrs. W. W. Hughes, Sr., Oxford	1		1		2	60		12		72	23
Totals		37	13	28	25	103	1400	128	356	509	2401	434

CHURCHES	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	R. A. Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Total Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year	Does your church have a library?	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrolment	Music Budget	Use Church Musician Magazine	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Amis Chapel	36	12	8	12	44	24	$	$ 26,476.00	$	$ 300.00	$ 75.00	Yes	2		$			
Bullock							15,000.00	46,800.00	3,000.00	600.00	55.00		1	8	50.00			
Butner							7,500.00	22,500.00		900.00	100.00		1	20	875.00	Yes		
Concord								3,000.00		50.00	50.00		1	15				
Corinth			13		13			5,000.00			60.00							
Creedmoor							25,000.00	100,000.00	20,500.00				1			Yes		
Enon			18	2	18	2	4,500.00	40,000.00			101.00		2	30		Yes		
Florence Ave.							5,000.00	10,000.00		300.00	31.50							
Franklinton			25	8	25	8	10,000.00	138,000.00	23,472.00	2,400.00	250.00	Yes	3	50	1,270.00		Yes	
Grassy Creek							6,000.00	26,000.00		600.00	175.00		1			Yes		
Hester			18	24	18	24	17,500.00	93,000.00		2,400.00	140.00		2	32		Yes		
Island Creek								150,000.00		800.00	130.00		2	50	25.00			
Knott's Grove							7,000.00	14,000.00			5.00							
Mountain Creek			11	6	11	6	7,500.00	17,500.00					2					
Mt. Olivet								10,000.00					2	35				
Mt. Zion			17	23	17	23	5,000.00	105,000.00		600.00	50.00		3					
Olive Grove								35,000.00					1	20				
Oxford	35	11	12	24	47	35	30,000.00	320,000.00					7	150	200.00		Yes	Yes
Peace's Chapel											90.00							
Pleasant Grove								10,000.00										
Poplar Creek			1	6	1	6					24.00							
Providence			8	16	8	16	7,500.00	90,000.00	4,700.00	650.00			2	35		Yes		
Rock Spring										350.00	66.00							
Sharon								3,200.00										
Stovall							10,000.00	42,500.00	1,800.00									
Tabb's Creek			10	12	10	12		35,000.00					1	12				
Tally Ho								3,500.00										
West Oxford	25	12	12	10	37	22	12,000.00	35,000.00	11,054.00	600.00	53.00		1	20				
Totals	96	35	153	143	249	178	$169,500.00	$1,381,476.00	$ 64,526.00	$ 10,550.00	$ 1,455.50		35	477	$2,420.00			

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.
Amis Chapel	W. S. Young, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 3	$ 200.00	$ 247.53	$ 88.68	$ 182.0
Brassfield	C. W. Allen, Creedmoor, Rt. 1	50.00	100.00	1,300.00	50.0
Bullock	Mrs. R. K. Hyler, Bullock	562.88	3,554.74		352.4
Butner	Leon B. Perkinson, Butner	400.00	199.49	80.00	460.1
Concord	Garland Daniel, Creedmoor	15.00	215.99		92.2
Corinth	Lynwood Currin, Oxford, Rt. 2	141.00		741.72	169.1
Creedmoor		2,832.80	514.92	707.64	1,420.8
Dexter	B. W. Hicks, Oxford, Rt. 5		20.08		82.9
Enon	Stephen T. Knott, Oxford	688.25	1,354.45		557.9
Fellowship	W. T. O'Briant, Creedmoor	58.00	328.05	4,432.40	181.7
Florence Ave.			146.77	246.87	
Franklinton	E. G. Rogers, Franklinton	2,060.75	1,614.84	239.90	1,819.1
Grassy Creek	C. C. Timberlake, Nelson, Va., Rt. 1	300.00	253.00	100.00	172.5
Hester	Johnnie C. Currin, Oxford	1,227.50	4,354.93	774.50	802.3
Island Creek	C. S. O'Brien, Oxford, Rt. 5	1,000.00	440.53	27.50	613.1
Knott's Grove	William H. Dean, Oxford, Rt. 2	75.00	50.93	456.00	57.9
Mountain Creek	D. A. Parham, Oxford, Rt. 4	558.00	138.01		382.5
Mt. Olivet	U. B. Kearney, Franklinton, Rt. 1		33.92	90.00	108.0
Mt. Zion	Daniel Hunt, Oxford, Rt. 1	225.00	224.12	159.12	549.
Olive Grove	Delos Glenn, Northside	205.00	336.13	1,191.00	245.
Oxford	Graham Wright, Oxford	7,850.00	2,838.00		3,782.6
Peace's Chapel	George Gresham, Kittrell, Rt. 2	260.00	86.16	135.00	210.
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Elbert Averette, Creedmoor	100.00	678.76	988.59	103.
Poplar Creek	J. C. Capps, Henderson, Rt. 3		38.15		75.
Providence	Miss Lila Piper, Oxford, Rt. 2	325.00	730.55	1,430.75	332.
Rock Spring	Aulick Keeton, Clarksville, Va.	174.00	395.00		164.
Sharon	Archie Denny, Roxboro, Rt. 3			636.54	113.
Stovall	J. B. Pittard, Stovall	570.00	530.36	2,694.76	952.
Tabb's Creek	H. W. Currin, Oxford, Rt. 5	75.00	138.28		159.
Tally Ho	F. C. Wilkins, Stem, Rt. 1	115.00	415.00		63
West Oxford	S. E. Beasley, Oxford	740.00	1,540.08	195.70	558
	Totals	$20,808.18	$21,518.77	$16,716.67	$14,816

	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other objects Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
3.00	$ 80.00	$ 115.50	$ 83.00	$ 230.00	$ 38.00	$ 315.40	$ 294.25	$ 33.00	$ 1,602.15	$ 4,821.07
1.86		7.91	6.58	11.50	10.00	146.60	28.25	14.17	436.87	3,061.87
5.79	55.00	142.00	102.00	263.00		340.00	75.00	40.33	1,533.12	9,055.19
0.00	100.00	13.08							713.08	7,137.82
0.00	35.00	27.95	17.03	15.61		27.00			172.59	1,497.00
7.95	115.00	44.80	91.40	75.35		150.50	50.00	43.05	688.05	3,826.77
3.29		66.40	111.22	106.55		262.30			1,769.76	15,799.99
0.00	53.50	22.40	20.14	20.68		120.00	10.00	28.00	424.72	1,764.44
4.79	101.40	119.30	122.80	193.35	83.10	600.00	100.00	260.56	5,705.30	11,148.06
2.70	25.00	55.25	32.46			300.31	29.12	5.00	649.84	7,574.99
0.00	31.50	48.10	124.35	95.25	77.00	180.00	30.00	120.00	1,006.20	4,549.84
0.20	140.50	80.44	60.42	90.16	100.00	130.00	110.00	128.35	2,210.07	19,594.52
0.00	50.00	16.73	22.24	84.00		125.00	26.56	105.10	639.63	4,063.69
0.00	140.00	200.00	275.00	300.00	75.00	225.00	125.00	300.00	3,980.00	17,782.46
0.00	130.00	143.25	151.18	285.55		309.25	118.00	172.95	2,110.18	10,427.34
3.68	10.00	35.30	26.75	25.70	4.55	65.70	44.85		246.53	2,773.96
3.63	213.00	29.00	27.00	80.00		335.63	37.55	77.96	1,578.77	5,886.15
3.00		35.38	15.00	88.53		15.54	15.00		242.45	2,281.18
0.85	50.00	74.45	57.10	63.00	36.06	350.00	150.00	235.00	1,636.46	6,265.53
0.82		118.85	60.00	48.64		99.68	100.00	105.20	759.19	5,220.96
1.00	750.00	364.00	922.00	1,043.00	750.00	700.00	300.00		14,913.00	36,566.00
3.11	90.00	74.19	16.45	21.38		212.53	36.08	30.00	718.74	3,448.83
1.00	54.50	37.38	51.00	21.50	12.85	100.00	40.00		327.23	3,596.53
1.00	24.87	7.00	5.00	24.00	3.00	20.00	25.00		158.87	1,179.27
1.39	50.00	38.38	50.99	76.80		100.00	25.00	98.19	1,113.75	9,571.25
1.46	66.00	16.00	44.92	46.00		211.00	59.50		809.88	4,100.65
1.25	47.12					178.00	39.00		768.37	3,058.13
1.00	180.00	169.20	143.10	236.76	50.00	230.00	50.00	172.96	2,612.02	12,253.66
1.86	50.00	31.41	20.36	45.71		145.00	35.00		818.34	3,385.70
1.32	37.85	34.76	8.00	23.55	9.00	40.20	30.00	20.20	283.88	1,724.19
1.00	53.00	19.75	60.39	200.00	125.00	168.77	56.89		1,283.80	11,592.05
1.95	$ 2,733.24	$ 2,188.16	$ 2,727.88	$ 3,815.57	$ 1,373.56	$ 6,203.41	$ 2,040.05	$ 1,990.02	$51,912.84	$135,059.09